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CNMI's GDP up 4.4 pct. in 2013

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Higher tourism numbers and improved consumer spending contributed to the CNMI experiencing a 4.4-percent increase in its Gross Domestic Product in 2013, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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<http://www.bea.gov>

BEA said the estimates of GDP for the CNMI show that real GDP—GDP adjusted to remove price changes—increased 4.4 percent in 2013.

For comparison, real GDP for the U.S. (excluding the territories) increased 2.2 percent in 2013. The growth in the CNMI's economy reflected in-

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Chamber pulls plug on runoff forum

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce announced yesterday that it will not be organizing a forum between Gov. Eloy S. Inos and former speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider in advance of Friday's runoff election for governor.

"The Inos campaign could not confirm. This was our last possible date [to finalize] and but there was no confirmation from their camp.

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JAYSON CAMACHO

A SHARED MOMENT

Two students from Hiroshima Johoku Junior and High School interact with one of the *man'amko* yesterday afternoon at the Office on Aging in China Town. Students listened to the elderly's stories of their experiences during World War II. About 127 students visited the *man'amko* yesterday.

Kin finally OK'd to see bodies of slain farmers

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The wives and children of two murdered Chinese farmers were finally allowed to see the bodies at the Commonwealth Health Center's morgue over the weekend, two weeks after the victims' remains were found at the old airport runway in Koblerville.

» Chinese community helps with cremation expenses

As this developed, members of the Chinese community chipped in to help with the cost of cremating the bodies of victims Hai Ren Li and Cheng You Li in Guam. The total costs of cremation, including transporting the bodies to Guam, is \$12,000, *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday.

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Medical referrals total \$6.374M in FY' 14

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Despite a slight drop in the number of patients referred off-island for treatment in fiscal year 2014, the total cost spent for medical referral in that period increased by about \$1.1 million compared to previous fiscal years.

According to Medical Referral

Services director Ronald D. Sablan, his office spent a total of \$6.374 million for medical referrals covering the period from Oct. 1, 2013, to Sept. 30, 2014.

In comparison, medical referral expenses in fiscal year 2012 totaled \$5.483 million, increasing to about \$5.274 million in fiscal year 2013.

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Off-island absentee voters are still hoping for the best

A number of off-island absentee voters are crossing their fingers and praying that their absentee ballots will arrive on time before the Nov. 21 deadline for them to send their ballots back to the CNMI.

Marianas High School alumnus Ken Igisaiair Concepcion, now in San Diego, CA, said he still hasn't received his absentee ballots as of yesterday, Nov. 17, Pacific Standard Time.

"For us mainlanders it should not be a problem if we get it this week but what about those serving in the military that are deployed with an APO or AP address, which get their mail two or more weeks later? Their vote will not be counted and also our citizens living in foreign countries that vote such as in the Philippines or other countries that get their mail much later. I don't think they will get their ballots on time," he said in a Facebook message to *Saipan Tribune*.

CNMI San Diego Club president David Atalig said he is not actually sweating the delay of the arrival of the absentee ballots but nonetheless said it would lessen the anxiety of absentee voters if they arrive sooner than later.

"I believe that it will be fine—especially since we don't need to get our votes notarized like we did years ago. People in Hawaii are starting to get their

ballots but I haven't received my ballot, yet. Some are actually getting antsy," he said.

Atalig, who is the finance director of the housing, dining, and hospitality department of the University of California-San Diego, said he and other absentee voters would really feel bad if they don't get their ballots before Nov. 21.

"I will feel we didn't get our opportunity to vote, our right to vote, especially in a heated race for the governorship," he said in a message on Facebook.

Gus Litulumar, who works for the U.S. State Department and is assigned in a country in Asia, said the Commonwealth Election Commission should prioritize absentee ballots for overseas CNMI residents.

"Everyone who lives abroad and still voting in the CNMI should definitely be prioritized to receive their absentee ballots. I hope I will receive mine this week. If it's not on time, I hope the election board will still accept ours and give us another 30 days."

Last Monday, CEC executive director Robert Guerrero said that CEC mailed over 2,300 absentee ballots last Nov. 10.

The absentee ballots are meant for the Nov. 21 gubernatorial runoff election between NMI Republican Party bet Gov. Eloy S. Inos and his running

OWWA renews 1,600 members

About 1,600 Filipino workers on Saipan have renewed their membership with the Philippine government's Overseas Workers Welfare Administration—more than a year since the agency last held a renewal drive in the CNMI.

According to OWWA representative Julia Fabian yesterday, they were targeting to have as many as 2,000 renewals but the total as of yesterday morning was about 1,600.

She expects the number to still go up, however, as she will be leaving for Rota tomorrow, and then later in the next few days to Tinian to hold similar renewal drives there.

Fabian joined the Philippine Consulate General from Guam in their mobile services at the Marianas Business Plaza, which started Friday last week and ended yesterday.

Team leader and Philippine consul Edgar Tomas Auxilian said the consulate general works closely with OWAA, under the Department of Labor and Employment, in helping meet the needs of Filipino nationals in the CNMI.

He said it is difficult for some to renew their OWWA membership through their family in the Philippines.

The last time OWWA was on Saipan for a consular mission was in October 2013, he said.

OWWA membership provides welfare services and life insurance for Filipino nationals abroad. It helps with repatriation, provides assistance for hospital services in the Philippines, and education assistance for children whose parents have died.

Meanwhile, Auxilian said they have registered 270 absentee voters for the 2016 elections as of yesterday morning. He expects this number to reach 300.

He encourages Filipinos to register as early as possible before the deadline in 2015.

The consulate general plans more frequent visits next year, hoping for a visit every two months.

They surpassed their preregistration for passport renewal halfway through their four-day mission, Auxilian said.

Do they plan to reopen the consulate general on Saipan? "We cannot answer that," Auxilian said, adding that the Philippine government has the final say.

He said the Consulate General in Guam already jurisdiction over the CNMI, Palau and the rest of Micronesia since offices closed in 2013. (Dennis B. Chan)

mate, Senate President Ralph DLG. Torres, and independent and former speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider and his running mate, former Senate floor leader Ray N. Yumul. (Mark Rabago)

Jeju Air may have eased Asiana suspension

With the arrival of Jeju Airlines, the seven-day suspension of Asiana Airlines from Oct. 14 to 20 last month may have not have hit so hard.

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio earlier said the loss to the CNMI of this suspension would be about \$6.7 million based on a load factor of 80 percent.

As to whether losses last month reached this figure, Tenorio said the MVA is unfortunately not privy to the actual economic activity of the month in question.

He said MVA's economic impact projections are based on weighted averages of various variables by source country. This model is used to estimate the contribution of the travel industry in the CNMI, he said.

The question can better be answered by the Department of Finance or the Department of Commerce, he said.

But with that, Tenorio cited Jeju Air's launch on Oct. 1, and the 10.3-percent increase in arrivals from Korea in 2014 over the previous year.

"It would stand to reason that the increase in visitors will have correlated increase in economic activity," he said.

It was reported that Jeju Air would bring 68,985 seats to the CNMI per year, with an economic impact estimated at over \$122.9 million based on a load factor of 80 percent.

South Korea's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transportation ordered the seven-day suspension in June because of a violation of safety regulations by the airline during a flight to Saipan. (Dennis B. Chan)

Nov. 21 is designated a legal holiday

Gov. Eloy S. Inos has designated Nov. 21, 2014, as a legal holiday. The Commonwealth Election Commission has set a gubernatorial runoff election on that date.

"Pursuant to 1 CMC Section 6508, if an election is held on a day other than a Saturday or Sunday, the Election Day shall be a legal holiday within the Commonwealth or in the senatorial or election district. Therefore, please be advised that Friday, Nov. 21, 2014 is hereby designated as a legal holiday in the CNMI," he said. (Saipan Tribune)

Gov. Calvo, 3 former Guam governors endorse Inos-Torres

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos and his running mate, Senate President Ralph DLG. Torres, got an additional boost for this Friday's runoff election from the CNMI's southern neighbor after Guam Gov. Eddie B. Calvo and three former governors of the U.S. territory endorsed the NMI Republican Party tandem.

"As governors, we recognize that every decision we make will have a dramatic impact on the wellbeing of our constituents. We also recognize that the voters have placed an enormous amount of trust in us to ensure that their government provides services and support in a professional expedited manner. All of us have come to know Gov. Inos very well over the last 30-plus years and

we can all say that there is no one better suited to being governor than Eloy S. Inos," read a letter from Calvo and former Guam governors Felix P. Camacho, Paul M. Calvo, and Joseph F. Ada.

Calvo and company said Inos always made an effort to put people's interest first since coming into office in February 2013.

"He did not rest in his efforts to return the retirees' hard-earned pensions. He will not stop in identifying solutions to the problems with your energy and healthcare systems. We are very happy to have the opportunity to endorse his election as governor and look forward to working with him for another four years."

The four also said that Inos' continuing effort to bring prosperity to the people of the

CNMI has shown that he truly is a man of the people.

"We humbly ask that all the citizens of the CNMI vote for Gov. Inos and Sen. Ralph Torres in this upcoming runoff election," Calvo and company said in conclusion.

Inos said he is humbled and honored to have received such a letter of endorsement from Calvo and the three former governors of Guam.

"They are true statesmen and Ralph and I look forward to working with them in the coming years," he said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

IT team gets other endorsements

Inos and Torres also received endorsements yesterday from local officials: Sen. Joaquin Borja (Ind-Tinian), Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian),

Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), and Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho.

"I have served with Sen. Ralph and he has the experience, knowledge, and passion needed to be our lieutenant governor. Ralph and Eloy are the only candidates I trust to lead our Commonwealth," said Borja.

Conner, for his part, said: "I know all four candidates personally and Gov. Inos and Sen. Torres are the only ones that can keep our economy moving forward."

"As chairman of the Saipan [and Northern Islands] Municipal Council, I have worked with Gov. Inos and Sen. Torres. I see the passion they have for the Commonwealth and am honored to support their candi-

dacy for governor and lieutenant governor," Camacho said.

Leon Guerrero said: "I have been honored to work with Sen. Torres and Gov. Inos during my time in the Legislature. They have never shied away from fighting for the people. They did not sit back and watch while the Retirement Fund was on the verge of bankruptcy. They found a solution and delivered real results!"

Inos said he's overwhelmed with the outpouring of support not only from fellow Republicans but independents as well.

"Ralph and I are so blessed to have the support of these fine gentleman. It has been so wonderful to work with people that share the same passion for the people as they do. Standing side by side with them and the thousands and thousands of people that have supported us

is awe-inspiring and we are so thankful," said Inos.

Torres said the increasing number of endorsements only means that their message is being received loud and clear.

"The endorsements today combined with the endorsement of Gov. Babauta, Juan Torres, Ed DeLeon Guerrero and Daniel Quitugua, Juan I. Tenorio, Juan S. Reyes, and the thousands more over the past week show that our message of 'Solutions Driven Leadership' is resonating. We look forward to continuing our clean campaign devoid of frivolous and personal attacks," he said.

Rep. Larry Deleon Guerrero endorses HY

Rep. Lorenzo "Larry" Deleon Guerrero continues his support for the Hofschneider-Yumul team by formally endorsing them.

"The fundamental thing I endorse is that they believe that the people are the principle in the government," Deleon Guerrero said. "They pledged that their administration will be one that is by and for the people. They have seen the state that some people are living in while on the campaign trail and they will work to help improve the CNMI."

Deleon Guerrero is in favor of their plans for our energy crisis. "They pledged to have a better utility system in place within two years of their being elected," he said. "This will lessen our dependency on fossil fuels and make our energy

situation more renewable and sustainable. This will ultimately lower utility costs for all."

"The course of action of this current administration is one that tries to fix problems with solutions that are not permanent," he said. "CUC wasn't fixed with vouchers. The government is still deep in the hole with their CUC debt. Attracting tourists back to the CNMI—that's equally a marketing issue as it is an infrastructure issue that must be addressed. Heinz and Ray understand that. They think in the long-term, not just how we can make it until tomorrow when the problems are still there."

"Heinz and Ray are an energetic and vibrant team," he continued. "Their legislative experience combined is in ex-

cess of 25 years. They know what it is to be at eye-level with the people. The legislative seats that they held, much like the one I hold, brings you closer to the concerns of the people."

"I encourage my supporters and the rest of the people of the Marianas to vote for Heinz and Ray in this run-off election because we are in need of a clear thinking and strong leadership," Deleon Guerrero said. (PR)

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More early voters' turnout for runoff race

» Some voters find runoff a burden, call for its elimination

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More people voted early in the CNMI for the gubernatorial runoff race between Gov. Eloy S. Inos/Ralph DLG. Torres and Heinz Hofschneider/Ray N. Yumul compared to the Nov. 4 general election.

As this developed, some early voters find this gubernatorial runoff process a burden that should be eliminated.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that there's a lot more early voters in the runoff race than in the general election so far.

Guerrero said he has no exact figures yet as to how many vot-



FERDIE DE LA TORRE
Vicente N. Santos, 81, and his wife, Magdalena, 78, check their bag after voting early for the gubernatorial runoff race at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday afternoon. Santos said the runoff is a burden to voters and should be eliminated.

ed yesterday, but that they were already exceeding 3,000.

Early voting will continue until Thursday. In the last early voting for the general election, there were 3,800 early voters.

Guerrero said early voting for the runoff has been smooth since the process kicked off on Friday.

"More people are showing up and it's faster," said Guerrero, adding that the additional booths that they put up at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe may have helped the flow and avoided crowding.

He said they are now prepared for the runoff this Friday.

Vicente Santos, 81, and his wife, Magdalena, 78, were among the early voters yesterday afternoon at the Multi-Purpose Center. The couple also voted early during the general election.

While Santos commended the early voting process for being convenient to a lot of peo-

ple, especially to the elderly, he is against this runoff process.

"We should get rid of this runoff because it's too much of a burden for the people," he said.

The runoff election also involves more expenses of government funds, he said.

"It's a hassle. That's my opinion," he added.

Santos emphasized that this runoff must be eliminated because "it's really useless and it's taking people's time."

Santos is a former vice chairman of the Marianas Political Status Commission that negotiated the Covenant with the U.S. government.

Alvin Joseph Cepeda, 47, a

retired government employee, is also not in favor of the runoff.

Cepeda said majority rules and that people already voted and voiced their concerns during the general election. He said he voted early again like in the general election because it's his civic duty.

Cepeda admitted that he is not fully aware of the runoff election law that requires 50 percent plus one vote in order for a gubernatorial bet to avoid a runoff race.

Cepeda said he likes the early voting process because it alleviates the pressure from family and other people in going to polling precincts during election day.

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Police called the families on Friday that they could now see the bodies at CHC. Hai Ren Li's wife and two sons—ages 25 and 26—went to the morgue accompanied by the victim's brother-in-law.

The following afternoon, Saturday, Cheng You Li's widow and their 19-year-old son and 23-year-old daughter went to see the bodies, accompanied by three other relatives and friends.

"It's so painful. The wife and children were crying when they saw the body. Everybody was crying," said the brother of victim Cheng You Li.

The brother said the widows and children of both victims want to cremate the bodies immediate-

ly so they could bring the ashes to Fujian Province in China.

The brother who requested anonymity said they are hoping that the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of investigation will not cease their efforts to find the persons behind the double slayings.

The wives and children flew to Saipan last Nov. 8 after learning about the murders.

According to the autopsy, Cheng You Li's cause of death was due to multiple lacerations and wounds inflicted primarily on his neck.

Hai Ren Li's cause of death was from a skull fracture due to blunt force trauma.

Guam chief medical examiner Dr. Aurelio Espinola did not immediately conduct the autopsy because he was off-island when the bodies were found.

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Sablan said the increased cost reflects higher costs for airfare, subsistence, hotel accommodations, medical claims, patient reimbursements, and funeral expenses.

He said the costs of treating a patient off-island varies with expenses that can be either very expensive or less.

Patients referred off-island with the most expenses include cardiology, oncology, and mouth or throat cancer.

"These three are very expensive. The epidemic of mouth and throat cancer is new. Before, cardiology and oncology

were the most expensive," Sablan said.

Generally, these procedures cost \$25,000 but the same procedure can even cost more elsewhere such as in Hawaii or the United States.

For fiscal year 2014 a total of 684 patients were medically referred off island: 349 were medically referred to Guam; 52 to Hawaii; 260 to the Philippines; 21 to San Diego, California; and two to Portland, Oregon.

This is a decrease compared to the 732 patients medically referred in fiscal year 2013. In that period, 442 were referred to Guam, 62 to Hawaii, 211 to the Philippines, six to San Diego, nine to Los Angeles, one to Portland, and one

to San Francisco.

About 645 patients were referred in fiscal year 2012.

Broken down, a total of \$1.1 million was spent on airfare in fiscal year 2014; \$39,595 for subsistence; \$1.655 million on hotel accommodations; \$3.509 million on medical claims; \$33,766 on patient reimbursements [for those who paid for their medical referrals], and \$36,414 on funeral expenses [for those who passed during the medical referral off-island].

"Despite the tight budget and the high expenditure, patients always come first. We are usually the ones paying for a medically referred patient for all accommodations.

GDP

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creases in consumer spending and exports of services.

The BEA report said that consumer spending, which was the largest contributor to economic growth in 2013, increased 12.3 percent.

"This increase was driven primarily by durable goods, reflecting growth in purchases of motor vehicles," it said.

Tourism continued to contribute positively to the economy in 2013, after posting double-digit growth in 2012. Exports of services, which consist mostly of spending by tourists, increased 8.8 percent in 2013 after growing 17.2 percent in 2012.

The growth from last year placed the Commonwealth in better standing compared to other territories such as American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands, which experienced declines based on OIA numbers.

In hearing the news, both Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider praised the findings as a sign of continued growth for the

islands' economy.

"This latest report shows that we are going in a very much needed positive direction," said Inos. "If we continue to stay the course, we could see an even bigger jump in the future. This news definitely makes me both happy and excited."

Hofschneider added: "This is welcome news for all our islands, as the numbers indicate we are getting stronger. Our lawmakers, the administration, and the Legislature must continue to explore ways to keep generating new revenue."

Acting Department of Commerce secretary Mark O. Rabaulman said the 4.4-percent increase in GDP only means that the islands' economy is finally on the rebound after years of being moribund.

"The GDP being the overall gauge for the health of the Commonwealth's economy, it clearly shows from this report that the economy here is improving after years of downward trend. I hope this indicates that the economy is now rebounding. The best news on our economy that has come to my office so far—consumer spending in-

creased and tourism data showing solid growth—are just the kinds of positive news I want to hear heading into the holidays!"

Central Statistics Division director Alfonis M. Sound echoed Rabaulman's sentiments in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

"The continued positive growth in our economy as shown by the latest GDP report is a result of the hard work and all the collaborative efforts between our private and public sector in reviving our economy. I also want to thank and acknowledge the excellent teamwork between our office and the contributing agencies and offices to make this report possible. I encourage all players to remain steadfast and to continue these collaborative efforts in bringing this important report to our users in the years to come."

NMI Republican Party chair James Ada took the opportunity to trumpet his candidates' achievements by saying that the GDP growth is yet another proof that the CNMI is in good hands under an Inos administration.

"Wow, our economy is im-

proving every day and these numbers are just another reason that our Commonwealth needs Gov. Inos and Sen. [Ralph] Torres leading our people," Ada said.

He pointed out that everyday he sees new businesses opening up, hotels are full, stores are moving products off their shelves, and so many more signs that the CNMI economy is moving in a positive direction.

"I am so proud to stand with Gov. Inos and Sen. Torres because without them and other members of the Legislature, I am quite certain our economy wouldn't be in this good of a shape. The IT and GOP team will continue to move forward with our 'Solutions Driven' leadership style of government and I can't wait for the next four years!" he said.

These 2013 estimates from BEA were developed under the Statistical Improvement Program funded by the Office of Insular Affairs of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The BEA report on the CNMI's GDP is available for view on the bureau's website at: <http://www.bea.gov>.

CHAMBER

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We're unable to host," said Chamber executive director Jill Arenovski.

She said the Chamber had tentatively made arrangements to hold the forum tonight at the Marianas High School Gymnasium as they already had confirmation that Hofschneider would participate. However, the lack of a response from the NMI Republican Party torpedoed those plans.

"We're trying our best to make this event happen. We wish to thank all those that participated in our forum events this year. We appreciate your support during this election period," Arenovski said.

In their defense, Inos said his camp doesn't see the point of debating with his opponent when the community already knows about the local GOP's plan for the CNMI weeks and even months back.

"Ralph and I have spent the last 20 months working on the issues and challenges that matter most to the people of the CNMI and our record of accomplishments speak for themselves. As governor, my agenda is very much public knowledge and, as we learned today with the news of the GDP growth for 2013, Ralph and I are excited about continuing our outreach to the community in the final

days of the campaign."

The governor also said the hosting of two similar forums on the same day complicated his camp's decision.

"There was some confusion between the Chamber forum and KSPN forum occurring at the same time and as a result Ralph and I made the decision to continue meeting with voters in their homes during this valuable time."

Heinz S. Hofschneider-Ray N. Yumul Committee-to-Elect chair David Attao said his camp is disappointed that Inos decided not to take part in the Chamber forum.

"We—along with the vast majority of the people of the CNMI who want change—are extremely disappointed with the IT camp's decision not to participate in the debate/forum."

The Chamber did conduct a gubernatorial forum of sorts last Oct. 30, albeit with independent candidate Juan N. Babauta the only one attending. Hofschneider and NMI Democratic Party bet Edward "Tofila" M. Deleon Guerrero snubbed the event, citing that they didn't want to do it without Inos, who then was still in Manila where he had a follow-up checkup for his quadruple bypass surgery in 2008.

Babauta and Deleon Guerrero since then have endorsed Inos for the Nov. 21 runoff after the latter topped the elections on Nov. 4. Hofschneider came second.

Six survivors sue over fatal 2012 plane crash

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Six passengers of a Star Marianas aircraft that crashed at the Saipan International Airport in 2012 have filed a wrongful death lawsuit in federal court. The husband of the sole fatality in the crash has joined the lawsuit.

The plaintiffs are Weilian Lu, Yixiao Ge, Xin Hong, Meilin Zhou, Xiaohua Zhou, and Xiuzhong Zhu, all Chinese citizens.

Xiaojie Ge is representing his wife, Lu, who was killed in the crash, and their minor child, Yixiao Ge. Attorney Mark B. Hanson and the Los Angeles, California-based Girardi law firm are counsels for plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs are suing aircraft pilot Jae Choi, Star Marianas Air Inc., Marianas Air Travel, Tinian Transportation Management Solutions Inc.,

Tianing Travel Agency, Century Tours, Top Development Inc., and 100 unnamed co-defendants, for negligence, wrongful death, and negligent infliction of emotional distress.

In addition, they are suing Star Marianas Air for fraud.

The plaintiffs are suing for unspecified damages, compensation, attorney's fees, and court costs.

According to the complaint filed Friday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI, on Nov. 19, 2012, aircraft pilot Choi crash-landed the Piper Cherokee aircraft into the trees north of the runway at Saipan International Airport.

Hanson said all plaintiffs were aboard the flight except for the minor, Ge.

Hanson said the plane—a

7-passenger Piper PA-32 Cherokee Six operated by Star Marianas Air, chartered by Marianas Air Travel, and maintained by Tinian Transportation Management Solutions—was departing the Saipan airport on its way to Tinian to shuttle the six plaintiffs to the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino as part of a package put together by Tianing, Century Tours, and Top Development.

The lawyer said the plane took off from the runway at 6:09am when a loud noise from the engine was heard, forcing Choi to land the plane.

Upon landing at 6:15am, plaintiffs asked in Chinese to be allowed to get off the plane, but Choi did not respond nor did he allow them to exit, Hanson said. Instead, he said, Choi did a quick engine run up and decided to continue with the flight.

While taking off at 6:20am, the plane allegedly lost power and nosedived into the trees adjoining the north side of the runway, where a fire ensued.

Hanson said the crash and subsequent fire injured Choi and five of the passengers, while Lu was killed.

The lawyer noted that the aircraft was manufactured in 1969 and at the time of the crash had already accrued 6,805 hours of service. He said Choi has admitted that he and other pilots feared the condition of the Piper aircraft before the day of the crash.

Hanson said at no point before or during the flight were the plaintiffs provided with safety

instructions in Chinese. He added that the passengers' baggage was overweight.

As a result of the crash, Lu was killed and four others were severely injured. Han-

son said Lu was dead on arrival at the hospital due to the burns she suffered.

As to the fraud claim, Hanson said Star Marianas Air intentionally advertised itself as a legitimate commercial carrier while having full knowledge of at least three other incidents of

wrongful conduct in the previous seven months.

Further, Hanson said, Star Marianas Air knew or should have known that the plane, at over 40 years old and with 6,805 hours of service already logged, was not fit for commercial transit.

More than 120 Japanese students visit *man'amko*

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**
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REPORTER

More than 120 Japanese students visited the Office of Aging's Man'amko Center yesterday afternoon in an attempt to learn about the elderly's experiences during World War II.

Hiroshima Johoku Junior and Senior High School students arrived around 12pm and entertained the *man'amko*. They then sat down and spoke to each other.

Two *man'amko*, Phillip Bernard, 81, and Soledad Benavente, 84, and one other *man'amko* who is Okinawan spoke to the students about their experiences during the war. The *man'amko* spoke in Japanese so that the students would understand.

Some of the *man'amko* also shared some Japanese songs with the students.

One student, Tsukasa Matsuzaki, said he is very thankful to be at the Man'amko Center and learn about the elderly's experiences and exchange cultural notes with them.

Johoku's assistant principal, Hiroshi Kujita, said that one of their objectives is to talk about world peace between nations and this cultural exchange program is an important aspect of that mission.

Tour organizer Yuki Yamashita of the Global School Information Network said this is the company's first time to organize a school trip for Johoku to Saipan.

"This is part of their graduation tour so they had a choice to go to Hokkaido or Saipan and most chose to come to Saipan," Yamashita said.

Yamashita said they will be returning next year for another cultural exchange.

Saipan Seniors Advisory Council president Maria Salinas said that although it was hard to

communicate at times, overall it was a good experience.

"This is very commendable and very nice to have them come and it opens up their minds and show how the war was back then and I hope they come back again," Salinas said.

The students are part of a homestay program in collaboration with the Saipan Mayor's Office and the visit to the Man'amko Center was part of their activities for the whole week.

They arrived on Monday and will be departing Saipan this Friday.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-15-003

Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from DECQ certified firms to provide laboratory services for the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP package may be obtained upon completion of registration and receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one set from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective Proposers must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **November 26, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-15-003, Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **December 12, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than **November 28, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Procurement & Supply Manager via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Heidi Yelin, CUC Laboratory Manager, via email heidi.yelin@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Manager, Procurement & Supply

ALL ABOARD!
This Is IT!

- CUC Still Owed Millions Due To CNMI Government Nonpayment
- CHC Lacks Basic Medical Materials, Specialists & Vital Professional Staff
- DPS Needs Technical Investigative Resources
- DPL Compensation Sits & Collects Dust

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Paid for by the Committee to Elect Heinz and Ray

Make a Wish solicits referrals of potential 'Wish' kids

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

The Make A Wish Foundation

Alcohol ban during runoff election

In accordance with 4 CMC, Section 5557, all Class-3 On-Sale and Class-4 Off-Sale retail licensed establishment are being informed that the hours to sell and serve alcoholic beverages during the runoff election on Nov. 21, 2014, are strictly prohibited from 7am to 7pm.

This prohibition shall not apply to concession stands on Mañagaha Island, CNMI airports, hotels, hotel resorts, and golf course resorts, in accordance with 1 CMC, Section

of Guam, which also serves the CNMI community, reached out yesterday to the Rotary Club of Saipan and encour-

6706 (b) as amended by Public Law 16-45.

Enforcement officers of the Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division will be monitoring establishments and any violation of this prohibition will not be tolerated.

Contact the Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division Hotline at 285-1821 if there's any questions or to report any violation of the prohibition of the hours of sale during the election. (PR)

aged its members to refer any child with a life-threatening illness who may have a wish the foundation can grant.

"We won't say no because we will find a way to make it happen," said Make A Wish executive director Victor Camacho, who was guest speaker in the Rotary's regular meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Camacho said a child between 2-and-half years old and 18 years



Camacho

old with any life-threatening condition is qualified.

"We always ask for money, that is part of our mission to survive and need a support from the community. More importantly, we are asking for your help for referrals. The only way to service the kids and reach out to the kids who qualify is if we find out who they are and reach out to their families and have their wish granted," he said.

Camacho said they should

be reaching out to 25 children a year in the CNMI but so far is only managing to reach about 18 a year.

"We want to reach out to those kids somewhere and if you know someone with a life-threatening condition then please refer them to Make A Wish," he said. "We'd rather have a referral that may or may not qualify versus not getting a referral at all because people are just hesitant to be declined by the Make A Wish Foundation."

Camacho noted that majority of children's wishes is to go to

Disneyland. Other wishes involve travel, in which Make A Wish sends the "wish kid" and his or her family off-island.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy. The foundation is one of the world's leading children's charities, with 64 chapters in the United States and its territories.

With the help of donors and nearly 25,000 volunteers, the foundation grants a wish every 40 minutes and has granted more than 200,000 wishes in the United States since its inception.

For more information on Make A Wish Guam call 483-WISH.

Hearing officer named for VP investigation

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

He said Board of Education chair Herman Guerrero made the decision on who to appoint.

Sean Frink, a lawyer from the Marianas Legal Strategy group, will be appointed as the hearing officer who will look into an alleged inappropriate conduct by Saipan Southern High School vice principal Eric San Nicolas, according to Public School System legal counsel Tiberius Mocanu.

Frink's practice concentrates on commercial litigation and dispute resolution, with an emphasis on trial practice. He has been actively litigating cases in the CNMI for almost 20 years now.

San Nicolas was sent on administrative leave with pay on Sept. 29. He is being investigated for questionable behavior

while vice principal of Tinian Jr. Sr. High School.

"We are doing our best to see if his conduct rose to the level of termination," Mocanu said in an earlier interview.

A former student of San Nicolas at TJSHS earlier said the investigation may have to do with an affair San Nicolas had with a student at the school. The girl involved was reportedly 19 years old at the time.

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP NO.: RFP15-BECQ/DCRM-006**

SUBMISSION: DECEMBER 17, 2014 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"TO COMPLETE A WETLANDS RAPID ASSESSMENT METHOD FOR THE CNMI, A PROJECT UNDER THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COASTAL QUALITY"

THE SCOPE OF WORK IS AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER **NOVEMBER 19, 2014** FROM THE BECQ OFFICE OR BY E-MAIL REQUEST TO megan.jungwi@cm.gov.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT CAN BE MADE TO MEGAN JUNGWATTANAPORN BY PHONE, (670) 664-8311, OR BY EMAIL AT megan.jungwi@cm.gov, NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, **DECEMBER 05, 2014**, CHAMORRO STANDARD TIME, UTC +10 HOURS (EMAIL IS PREFERRED). RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A PROPOSAL IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ FRANK M. RABULIMAN
ADMINISTRATOR, BECQ

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB15-DLNR/DFW-012**

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2014 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"TRANSPORTATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF TWO (2) FISH AGGREGATING DEVICE (FAD) IN CNMI WATERS OF ROTA, A PROJECT UNDER THE DLNR - DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATION MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

QUESTIONS FOR THIS PROJECT MAY BE ADDRESSED TO MR. FRANCISCO VILLAGOMEZ OF THE FISHERIES SECTION AT TELEPHONE NUMBER (670) 664-6044 OR E-MAIL TO fvillagomez.dfw@gmail.com **NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 02, 2014.**

THE COMMONWEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS; IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS. ALL BIDS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ MANUEL M. PANGELINAN
PUBLIC AUDITOR

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

COMMONWEALTH CASINO GAMING REGULATORY COMMISSION
PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, The Open Government Act of 1992, the Commonwealth Casino Gaming Regulatory Commission has scheduled a meeting to be held on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., at the Governor's Office conference room, Capital Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

The following Agenda is hereby established:

- I: Preliminaries**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
- II: Open discussion of lottery procedure**
 - a. Lottery draw for term of office
 - b. Election of Officers
 - 1. Chairman
 - 2. Vice Chairman
 - 3. Secretary
 - 4. Treasurer
- III: Short Break (Elected Chairman takes the chair)**
- IV: Public Comments**
- V: Funding issues**
 - a. Funding Report from the Secretary of Finance
 - b. Selection of Banking Institution
 - c. Authorized signatories
 - d. Commissioner's expenses
 - e. Staff needs for hire
 - 1. Secretary/Administrative Assistant
 - 2. Executive Director
 - d. Office facility, furnishings/fixtures, equipment & supply needs
- VI: Commissioner's training**
- VII: Overview discussion of tasks pursuant to PL 18-56**
 - a. Assignment of tasks
- VIII: Meeting Schedule**
- IX: Miscellaneous**
- X: Adjournment**

At anytime during the scheduled meeting, the Commissioners may enter into Executive Session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential

In accordance with PL 8-41, an additional agenda items may be added to the above only by recorded vote and approved by the majority of the Commissioners. All interested persons are welcome to attend and submit written and oral testimony on the agenda above given.

/s/ Joseph C. Reyes /s/ Juan M. Sablan /s/ Alvaro Santos /s/ Justin Manglona
COMMONWEALTH CASINO GAMING COMMISSIONERS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

PUBLIC NOTICE

AMENDMENT #01

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board scheduled on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC's Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan, has been postponed until further notice.

/s/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public, all business vendors and accounts that as of November 14, 2014, Francisco "Kitz" Barja is no longer an employee of Pacific Saipan, Inc./ One Pacific Distributors.

Please direct all business matters to Ms. Jocelyn Leomo, Interim Manager at 233-3999.

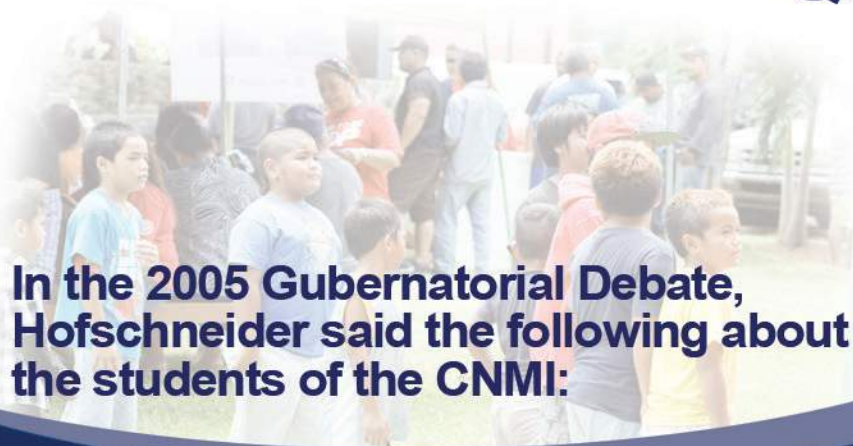
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public, all business vendors and accounts that as of November 14, 2014, Michael Busby is no longer an employee/ General Manager of Pacific Saipan, Inc./ One Pacific Distributors.

Please direct all business matters to Ms. Jocelyn Leomo, Interim Manager at 233-3999.

Dear CNMI - Who is Qualified to be Governor and Lt. Governor?

OUR OPPONENTS SEEM TO THINK A SLIM FEW ARE QUALIFIED



In the 2005 Gubernatorial Debate, Hofschneider said the following about the students of the CNMI:

Hofschneider: "Students can't even put a sentence together" when justifying taking laptops away from the kids!

In 2014:

Hofschneider and Yumul say if your Utility bill was lower then you are equal with the DEVIL!!!!

In 2014:

In 2014: Hofschneider and Yumul say if you get the flu don't see a doctor!!!!

On November 21st, We humbly ask that you join the thousands of CNMI residents that are saying NO to the politics of Ethnic Discrimination, Educational Discrimination, Retiree Discrimination, Utility Consumer Discrimination, Age Discrimination, and Medical Discrimination!

Please vote for the team of INOS and TORRES because they will work for ALL the PEOPLE!

VOTE #1 on the Ballot



In a February 9, 1997 Interview with Howard Willens and Deanne Siemer, Hofschneider said the following about Carolinians holding public office:

Siemer: Not Governor or Lieutenant Governor?

Hofschneider: "It's not time yet for a Carolinian blood to get to that level of political office!!!!!"

In 2014:

Hofschneider and Yumul say that if your Retirement fund check was 100% of what you were owed you can't be trusted!

Don't be HYpnotized by their HYper Scare Tactics!!!!!!



High court upholds conviction of ex-CUC board chair

The Commonwealth Supreme Court recently upheld Francisco Q. Guerrero's convictions for sexual abuse of a minor, disturbing the peace, and assault and battery. Guerrero's appeal centered on three issues: due process, the scope of "position of authority" in the sexual-assault statute, and double jeopardy.

Beginning with due process, Guerrero alleged that the trial court punished him for exercising his constitutional right to remain silent because the court noted it had not heard any testimony disputing or

denying the victim's account. The Supreme Court agreed that the trial court should not have made the remarks, but ultimately concluded that Guerrero did not show that the remarks affected the outcome of the proceeding (a showing that was necessary because Guerrero did not object to the court's remarks at the time they were made).

Next, Guerrero argued that his status as a grandfather did not mean he held a position of authority over the victim. The high court disagreed because

"position of authority" covers virtually all possible positions that could conceivably possess some responsibility over a minor. This included Guerrero who regularly housed, supervised, and provided transportation for the victim.

Finally, Guerrero claimed his conviction for assault and battery violated double jeopardy because that conviction—and another—flowed from the same conduct. Again, the high court disagreed because the question was not whether the convictions stemmed from the

same conduct, but whether each charge included at least one element the other charge did not. Here, the two charges had unique elements; therefore, the convictions did not violate double jeopardy.

Editor's Note: Guerrero is a former chairman of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board of directors.

The Supreme Court's full opinion is *Commonwealth v. Guerrero*, 2014 MP 15, and can be found at <http://www.cnmilaw.org/supreme14.html>. (NMI Judiciary)

Doromal: Obama to announce immigration plan this week

By MARK RABAGO
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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Human rights activist and former Rota teacher, Wendy Doromal believes that President Barack Obama will announce his Executive Action Immigration Plan this week.

"Reports from a variety of news sources say that President Obama will announce his Executive Action Immigration Plan as early as [this] week," Doromal wrote in her blog Unhard No More.

Quoting Fox News, Doromal said the Executive Action

Immigration Plan would be a 10-point plan that will:

Prioritize deportations for serious criminals;

End "Secure Communities" and start a new program;

Boost pay for ICE officers;

Expand high-tech visas;

Strengthen border security;

Expand provisional waivers to spouses and children of legal permanent residents;

Expand parole allowing undocumented aliens with U.S. citizen children to have parole; and

Promote the naturalization process by reducing the appli-

cation fee for the first 10,000 applicants

While U.S. House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) said he would fight Obama tooth and nail if he follows through with his plan, Doromal said numerous other presidents have taken executive action on immigration.

"An estimated 5 million undocumented aliens would be included in the plan. Will it help the legal, long term nonresident in the CNMI, most of whom have been hoping to be granted permanent residency status for decades? Will the undocument-

ed aliens in the CNMI be included? Hopefully, they are not left out of any executive order. If anyone on U.S. soil deserves protection and upgraded status, it is this group," said Doromal.

Last week, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said he expects President Barack Obama to issue an executive order on immigration reform in December after the mid-term elections in the U.S. is through.

The Senate already passed a bipartisan bill on comprehensive immigration reform last year, but the House of Representatives has refused to act on it.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

November 19, 2008

DOJ and EPA file complaint against CUC

The U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday filed a civil suit against the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to compel it to adhere to federal regulations governing water, sewer, power, and fuel. The suit was accompanied by two stipulated orders, which means that the CNMI government agreed to the terms and conditions being required of it by the EPA. The stipulated orders need to be signed by the court. The two stipulated orders, filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI, seek to reform and bring into compliance CUC's wastewater plants and collection systems; public drinking water systems; five power plants; and an oil transfer pipeline.

2 teens arrested in MHS murder

Police arrested early yesterday morning two teenagers who were allegedly involved in the killing of security guard Efrén L. Ballesteros at Marianas High School in Susupe. Assistant attorney general Rebecca Warfield told Saipan Tribune that the Department of Public Safety's Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives picked up the suspects: Eric Rabauliman, 18, and a 16-year-old male who has been identified as a student at MHS. Warfield said the minor will be charged as an adult. The Saipan Tribune will for the moment withhold publishing the name of the 16-year-old suspect. She said Rabauliman and the minor were brought before Superior Court presiding judge Robert C. Naraja on charges of murder in the first degree or also felony murder.

November 19, 2003

Reyes refuse to acknowledge Brown confirmation

Sen. Pete P. Reyes stood pat yesterday in his refusal to acknowledge the confirmation of Pamela Brown as Attorney General, maintaining that the Senate majority's action to confirm the lawyer was invalid. Reyes reiterated that the Senate is guided by a legal opinion issued by Brown herself over a decade ago, which concluded that rejected nominees cannot be renominated. The Senate bloc led by Reyes previously moved to reject Brown's nomination, when they held the majority in the upper house. "I guess when she wrote the opinion, she never imagined that she

will be a candidate for the AG. She never, in her wildest imagination, thought that she will be haunted by her own legal opinion," Reyes said.

Mom appeals principal's decision on son's 'abuse'

A mother has appealed with the Board of Education a principal's decision on a child abuse case involving her 10-year-old son. In an interview yesterday, the woman said she was greatly appalled by the decision handed down by Kagman Elementary School principal Ignacia Demapan on Sept. 26 on the issue. Demapan has refused to terminate the concerned teacher, saying the action did not merit for such penalty. The child's mom has demanded the immediate termination of KES grade 5 social studies teacher Fasefulu Tigilau after he allegedly threw a basketball at her son twice on Sept. 11, and hurled demeaning words against the child and other students.

November 19, 2012

Shortage of rice, other basic goods on Rota

Most store shelves on Rota have either ran out of rice and other basic commodities or have critically low supplies because the barge that's been supplying containers of consumer goods could not enter the port to discharge cargo because of rough waters, businesses and officials told Saipan Tribune yesterday. The last shipment of goods to Rota was on Oct. 19. Some Rota stores that are bringing in goods via air freight are forced to charge a lot more than the regular price for rice because of added transportation costs. Liza Camacho, cashier at Lucky Store in Songsong, said they no longer have rice on their store shelves and had to order supplies from Saipan and bring them to Rota by plane, therefore rice is now more expensive than usual.

'CNMI still a safe destination'

Despite yesterday morning's plane crash that killed a Chinese tourist and injured six others, including the pilot, government officials and residents said the CNMI remains a safe place for travel, considering that the small plane involved had over 4,000 takeoffs and landings a month and this was the airline company's first fatal accident. Still, others believe the crash will have an impact on inter-island travel and tourism in general but they're hoping the impact will be short-lived.



Students take time to pose while they fill up scholarship application forms during the recent Cash for College workshop held last Saturday, Nov. 15, 2015, at the NMC As Terlaje campus.

400 attend NMC's Cash for College workshop

About 400 high school and college students recently attended the Northern Marianas College's "Cash for College" workshop last Saturday to obtain one-to-one assistance in finding money to pay for college expenses.

"We are very pleased with the turnout of the event and are glad that many students attended the workshop to maximize scholarship opportunities," said Leo Pangelinan, dean of Student Services.

At the workshop, participants received personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms for the various federal and local scholarships and grants including the Free Application for Federal

Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, the CNMI Scholarship, the College Access Challenge Grant Scholarship, and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation Scholarship.

In addition, staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records were present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

The workshop participants also received free notary and copying services, as well as fee waivers for the NMC admission application fee and placement tests for the upcoming spring 2015 semester.

Many of these participants were students from Marianas High School, Kagman High

School, Saipan Southern High School and other private high schools. Some of the participants also included parents of students and students currently enrolled at NMC.

Just last week, Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider designated November as CNMI College Month. The Cash for College workshop is one of many events planned this month to promote a college-going culture in the CNMI.

"I'm glad I took advantage of this free workshop, and I will definitely be back for the next one," said one student.

The free Cash for College workshop, including the workshops on Tinian and Rota, were made possible through the fi-

nancial support from the U.S. Department of Education's College Access Challenge Grant program. This federal program aims to increase the number of students from under-represented minority populations enrolled in college.

Students who missed the recent Cash for College workshop can visit the NMC's Financial Aid Office in room N-1 at the As Terlaje campus (Monday-Friday: 8am to 4:30pm) or contacting the office at (67) 237-6792 to receive assistance in filling forms.













The Cash for College event is part of the college and higher education focused activities lined up for College Month. For a list of upcoming activities that are part of College Month, visit www.marianas.edu. (NMC)

BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR OUR FUTURE

Near the top of the list of IT achievements that took 9 years to almost complete is the new Chalan Kanoa traffic light. IT operates on a piece-meal basis which is why the CNMI can never get ahead.

We will reinvigorate our economy by investing in basic infrastructure that provides reliable, affordable utilities, enhances and protects our environment, and expands our economic base- commonwealth wide.

We will:

-  Pay government power and vendor bills
-  Comply with federal court orders and fully fund projects
-  Invest in a new power generation system using alternative energy options
-  Invest in underground distribution system to harden against storms, enhance environment, maintain and expand readily, quickly and efficiently
-  Invest in expanding telecommunications system with new submerged cables
-  Improve performance of Capital Improvement Projects (C.I.P.) Office by hiring qualified, experienced technical project manager
-  Depoliticize and provide full support to technical staff in the C.I.P. and other government offices
-  Depoliticize contract awards
-  Utilize Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantities (IDIQ) contract method to streamline procurement
-  Enforce existing laws to provide lower power rates by integrating renewable energy commonwealth-wide, Saipan, Tinian & Rota
-  Lower rates by compelling government agencies to make timely payments on utility usage
-  Support a transparent and fair process for government efficient operations

This Administration squandered tens of millions of ARRA, CNMI Covenant funds and other federal grants due to inexperience, mismanagement, and procurement protests.

We will fuel our economy with construction and engineering jobs creating meaningful, skilled and well-paying jobs for our residents.

There are **REAL** alternatives. Think about **IT**.

Thank You for your support!

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heinz and ray
for governor and lt. governor

Opinion

Hafa Adai!

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An electorate that discriminates

At NMPASI, we take some pride in our autonomy. I think it's something of an art form to operate in political circles with political beings inside and out of our office without ever becoming political, at least as an organization. Certainly each of us (board members, staff and clients alike) has an inherent interest in the political state of our Commonwealth. In fact, our office and the national protection and advocacy system as a whole grew out of the political arena...that is after all where federal grant dollars get doled out. Locally, we all have friends and family who are politicians and/or heavily vested in the political process, yet we manage to hold steady on that fine line between being on the inside looking out and on the outside looking in.

That said, it is a little unnerving for me to chime in on matters relating to our ongoing election, particularly as they relate to our remaining candidates for the governor's seat.

I suspect I am one of the remaining few people still on the fence about who I will vote for this week; it seems like every day I get some new tidbit of information that makes me flip-flop between one side over the other. But whoever that may be is ultimately irrelevant—my vote, my business. I do not concern myself with how other people choose to vote and I expect that my measly, little vote should be of no concern to anyone else.

What does concern me are the seemingly endless innuendos and outright insults toward both candidates relative to disabilities they may or may not have—probably my own fault for reading anonymous blogs, but if there is any credence to what some of them say, namely that Mr. Hofschneider has a mental illness and that Gov. Inos has some kind of circulatory impairment, the question then is, so what? Some of the worst cases of discrimination against people with disabilities are rooted in this ignorant notion that simply having a disability label is somehow relevant. Or that having a disability automatically means that the person is not capable of leading a normal life as a productive, contributing member of society.

It's bad enough to know that we have an electorate that is generally under-informed, myself included, but it is nearly unbearable to think that this election could be swayed by an electorate that discriminates on the basis of a disability.

I don't know either gentlemen personally and, truth be told, I don't really know much about their politics (anonymous bloggers aside); however, I do know that later this week I will vote for one of them and that my vote will be based on what I believe he (and his running mate) can do and not on what I assume they can't do. The only question for me is, can they perform the essential functions of the job?

Sometimes attitudes are the real barrier, but having a disability does not mean without ability.

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Retirement

My father in his late 50s supervised an area in Northern Luzon and one day, in a hurry to get home on his motorbike an hour from Tuguegarao, he went headlong against a bus that was also in a hurry. My brother medevacked him to Manila for repairs.

His “early” retirement allowed him to come and live in Hawaii. That’s when I heard him call retirement as simply a “re-tire-ment,” an acquisition of a new set of tires! He put in another 34 years before he took his turn at Oahu’s Mililani slopes at 94.

My mother eight years his junior might do him one year better as she reached 94 this year at Kuakini’s Elders Hospital in Honolulu, though she now sleeps her days away. I am not too far behind but even with parents’ good genetics, more than a decade of smoking made me chop a decade of statistical longevity. This year, I officially retired at 69, the last year of age count by my class *kabatch* as lifespan turned longer than the 39 we once counted as last before “forgotten.”

Folks often worry about retirement. One of my super-active classmates in the Bay Area took me to the airport after our last class reunion at her place. She said: “I really do not know what I will do when I retire.” One of my smartest high school classmates, I am not at all worried about her not finding something to do after her “retirement” but the fear of doing “nothing” after a certain age bedevils many otherwise sane minds. My classmate knows that she’ll simply have to create her path as she goes like the rest of us. One does not simply slide into a “retirement” slot, even with a minimum half-a-million retirement portfolio.

My Dad just went out and did his thing, wherever his self-defined retirement led him to be. He did lament the fact that he did not have much to leave behind—a cultural hang-up, for no one really expected him to. After all, he taught us: “The only piece of real estate I shall bequeath you will be whatever is stuck on the sole of my shoe!”

My formal retirement with the church involved so minuscule an income that the office advised I withdrew the whole thing to save them bureaucratic hassle. Though I spent years with the global communion, I did not bother to join a U.S. Conference with a healthy retirement fund save my three years on Saipan and a year credit in Guam. My Philippine connection did not even bother to keep me on the list! Not one to whine, I don’t mind.

With a diagnosis of spondylosis at SVES PSS, I withdrew my fund contributions to deal with the physical malady. Though qualified for medical retirement by age and condition, the CNMI failed to remit its counterpart to the Retirement Fund and I was not inclined to fight for medical referral.

My “retirement” traverses the triangle of Shenyang, Saipan,

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and Honolulu; the absence of things to do worries me the least. Focusing on the most effective way to be *glocal*, local in residence but global in perspective in three residences before my muse Gaia (Earth) is my challenge.

First, I’ve got Shenyang. The Manchurian Plain is cold to my tropical cartilages, sinews, and bones and the pollution of coal-burning industries and electrical plants has me lined up for asthma. But as an oral English teacher I get psychic income from the vast area of need. After APEC, the general population who went on a massive cleanup to keep “face” might learn to like having clean posts, poles, and walls. Besides, Urmuqi (the bullet train from Lanzhou in Gansu just opened) in *Xinjiang* and Lhasa in *Xizang* beckon, and the allure of the Silk Overland Road to meet the Turk, Tajik, Uzbek, Kyrgyz, and Kazakh lights up my fire.

Second, I’ve got Saipan. It’s a leisurely island, a comforting place to visit, where I run for Medicare cover (not that CHC is much of an option but it is what I’ve got) since I file my taxes in their books. ST still finds favor with the words I scribble, and for as long as they print, I will keep hacking my scratching!

Third, I’ve got Honolulu and siblings, and mother sleeps her remaining conscious days at the ward of the Kuakini Elder’s Hospital. A long time off-and-on resident of Hawaii, I might have overstayed my welcome; my years of visits are numbered. I waved goodbye to North America this year, curtailing travels to the birds of paradise as well.

This is not, however, about the facts of my retirement. Rather, it is an invitation for one and all to reflect on the wellness of their retreating days. Director Ezekiel Emanuel of Clinical Bioethics at the U.S. National Institutes of Health did just that in an article in *The Atlantic* titled, “Why I hope to die at 75.” The 57-year-old MD heads U Penn’s Medical Ethics and Health Policy department and he claims that we are not living longer; we are just prolonging dying. My year to keep mum is at 76, not off target from the norm; my physiology aims to linger ’til I hit 86.

Penned by a favored scribe, “Freedom is just another word for nothing else to lose,” wailed by some poets. In case you don’t know yet, that’s the key to retirement! Yo!

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It's now or never!

This Friday, Nov. 21, you will be voting basically on two issues as you check mark whether it's Heinz or Eulogio. They are: Natibu and the preservation of indigenous culture (Heinz) or Chinu where we wholesale our cultural traditions (Eulogio) for outsiders to destroy permanently. This is what it boils down to and it's all in the palm of your hands.

Cultural genocide: The casino policy will forever destroy our cultural traditions. It's our way of life being rolled out on the red carpet of permanent destruction. Like the rising tide, it drowns everything in its way. Obviously, Inos and cronies have no respect for indigenous cultural traditions. Nor does he and cabal respect letting our people work with organized growth per our capacity based on resources. It's a reckless and rapacious agenda against the indigenous people!

Stagnant wages (no increase) for the last 10 years did nothing but force many of our people into persistent hardship in abject poverty. Solutions? Is this IT?

We owe our children a brighter future that begins at dawn, not under the destructive neon lights of casinos. With all humility, let's stop this tyrant from compromising and destroying our cultural heritage. It's our value system on the line.

Future of our children: There were kids playing and bursting into free-spirited laughter at a school playground nearby. I listened intently while quizzing: What's in their future? That sent a strange sensation running through my veins, pondering what lies ahead.

I can't ignore the smile of innocence seemingly lost in simple childhood ignorance of kids enjoying that moment in real freedom standing atop the scaffold of their cultural heritage. It's a simple way of life. It's our way of life!

Our culture is the very foundation upon which we improve our lives morally and intellectually. It's a sturdy foundation that serves as a canoe to navigate through our dreams and aspirations as a people. It's the only pathway to passing the torch of leadership to our children, holding onto our pride and dignity anchored in our rich cultural heritage.

If I may note, the strength of the indigenous people is founded in

the family unit. Our family unit is the vehicle where we teach our children our way of life. It's about the discipline of respect, sharing, helping, chores that teach responsibility, catechism that instills spiritual wellbeing, and earning your dues, among others. Instilling indigenous discipline successfully makes for a stronger and peaceful community.

Troubling new life: Now, step back for a moment and imagine standing under the flashing neon lights of a huge casino hotel up north. You're done for the night and ready to go home. You have a job that pays the minimum wage. Yet it doesn't pay for most of your family needs like basic food items, a decent house, books, clothing and family transportation.

So you head home to a substandard house that isn't safe, secure, and sanitary. Your mind is often troubled thinking about the future of your children. Why educate them if they're going to end up working as card dealers, waitresses, or janitors? You quietly dwell upon it. You struggle to understand the beastly life in the fast lanes. You look outside and you see the desert land of abject poverty where most of your people live. It need not be this way.

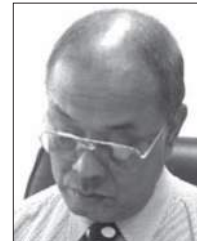
Public safety in shambles: You look around you and it's easy to tell that the island isn't safe, what with murders of four Chinese farmers and couple in SV, disappearance of two Japanese girls, the Luhk sisters and another girl in SA. This is too much and there's an urgent need to change DPS for sleeping on the switchboard a bit too comfortably. This has got to change!

A gift that isn't: The Inos administration and BS handed CUC customers one convenient gift of \$635 each to ease utility bills. What happens after this gift is depleted? Obviously, we'd be back to square one paying for higher rates well into the next four years. After all, the election would have been over and there's no need for more generous donations.

Failed restoration: The retirees were also lured into believing that their 25 percent cut by the Inos administration has been restored. Definitely, retirees are owed their money so it is immaterial where Inos gets his funds. Restoration is a failed promise but this isn't surprising when coming from desperate politicians. Has Inos

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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paid the \$23 million owed CUC by the NMI?

Ignored civil servants: Around government departments and agencies you find civil service employees who have salivated (saliva dripping profusely) while watching new political hires signing huge contracts for being loyalists. Nobody cares about the fate of civil servants, though they've diligently earned their dues through training and seminars. Did they have to be punished for their hard work?

CHC in life support: Doctors and nurses at CHC are forced into a corner as a result of lack of medication and must-have hospital supplies. Furthermore, families with critically ill patients fundraise dangerously on road medians seeking help from the community. Is there a legitimate reason why the Inos administration and the Legislature refuse to fund CHC that critically needs some \$38 million?

Indeed, I yearn painfully for the answer too. But this answer is in the palm of your hands; only you could exercise it on Friday, Nov. 21. Let's join hands and protect the future of our children! Vote for Heinz and Ray so we tell the other side that IT Isn't!

'A heartbeat away...'

It is rumored that one of the Torres brothers said at a gathering in San Diego that his brother Ralph is just a "heartbeat away from becoming governor" of the NMI.

It's a ruthless statement, alluding to the likelihood of the governor expiring before or immediately after the runoff. Would I recklessly push Inos to his last breath out of personal greed for power?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**An apology to Justice Villagomez's family!**

The IT team has been accusing the HY campaign of "dirty campaigning," but the latest tactic to smear Heinz Hofschneider takes the cake for being the "dirtiest," if not the lowest and most insensitive tactic thus far in the campaign.

Last Friday, a letter was shared on Facebook that was meant as an attack on Hofschneider's character. The letter was from the late justice Ramon G. Villagomez accusing then-speaker Hofschneider of doing wrong. I'm not sure who initially leaked the letter, but I first saw it shared on Les Ogomoro-Uludong's account, shared from a post by Shelane Charlice. It has since been shared on the official CNMI Republican Facebook account and also on the "IT Squad" page.

My biggest issue with the letter is that it uses the words of the late justice, who is deceased and has a great legacy in our community. How dare you let a well-respected and deceased man in our community fight your fights? You have now put his surviving wife and children in a position where they must defend their late father! Leaking this letter was done neither with the family's consent nor their endorsement. You choose to smear Heinz's reputation with the words of a man whose wife and children are still around to witness such exploitation. That's low and shows that the IT camp is not thinking.

I don't know who this Shelane is, but Les is a well-known daughter of Rep. Felicidad Ogomoro. This is a shame. I've been following the elections and Rep. Ogomoro had run a clean, honorable campaign. It is sad that one of her supporters would come out and share this. And it is a shame that the CNMI Republicans are capitalizing on it, too. This is defamation.

You all owe an apology to the Villagomez family. I would expect an apology from all those who shared the letter as well as one from Rep. Felicidad Ogomoro, as one of her most visible supporters thought it was alright to use the "Ogomoro" family name by sharing the letter. You don't have your supporters do your party's dirty work and get away with it. We don't dishonor the dead like this in our culture. This is unbecoming of the entire Republican Party.

From what I'm told, the Villagomez family is not happy about this and would rather have it taken down.

When a man isn't around to defend himself, don't use his words

to do your dirt. As respect to the governor's health, we saw Democratic candidate Edward Deleon Guerrero and Heinz both back off from the first scheduled Chamber forum. The sentiment that some got was that "the governor isn't around to defend himself" (although Juan N. Babauta didn't feel that same way), which is important in having a fair discussion on the issues.

So, I ask that both parties: Keep it clean. How about we keep the election to being about the issues, not trying to smear candidates? Why use a dead man's words when our candidates can use their own words to persuade us?

Governor Inos has yet to accept the invitation to a forum and said a few days ago to the paper, "The campaign committee is looking at that right now and they will make a final recommendation and give their advice." What's there to recommend? What's there to advise? The people want a forum! What's there to hide from the people that the governor has to be recommended? If his health is a detriment to his participation, will it be in his term if he's elected? The people of the CNMI should not go without a candidates' forum before making a decision as important as deciding the next gubernatorial team that will lead us for the next four years.

Marie Camacho

Capital Hill, Saipan

Mentally or physically abused—who cares?

That was the attitude shown by then-representative Ray Yumul during the 14th Legislature to guest workers.

Our own *kababayan*, Ray Yumul, authored House Bill 14-142, which he called the "Alien Workers Act of 2004." A lot of us remember the uproar this caused within the Filipino community, which led to boycotts of Jollibee. It was so bad the Philippine government issued a statement condemning the legislation.

While there were many things wrong with the legislation, perhaps the most outrageous language included was the following:

4602. No transfers. No alien worker shall transfer from one employer to another employer at any time.

Why was this bad? Well there have been quite a number of cases of abuse, both physical and mental, against our brothers and sisters in the CW community. If this legislation had passed, those abused

wouldn't be allowed to leave the abusive situation and secure employment elsewhere.

Mr. Yumul, is our life or mental wellbeing not as important as yours? Mr. Yumul, do we not bleed the same color of blood as you?

There is no place in our society for those that abuse others and certainly no place in our society for those that would protect abusers.

On Nov. 21, a strong message from the Filipino community will be sent to Mr. Yumul that his type of politics is not welcome in the CNMI.

Please join me in making sure that the Inos/Torres ticket will win because they would stand up for all law-abiding citizens, not those that are abusive. Vote Inos/Torres!

Irene Tantiado

Garapan, Saipan

Heinz and Yumul are not the change voters want

I am often surprised when I hear the Hofschneider-Yumul campaign say that 54 percent of the people voted against Inos-Torres. They even go as far as counting the voters who didn't vote as an indication that they too are against IT. If this is how the HY camp understands math and the people's desire, boy, are we heading for a disaster. This is even more troubling because the HY camp maintained those numbers even after Babauta and Guerrero fully endorsed the IT team. It is 100 percent a fact that Babauta and Guerrero supporters (of course not all but some, if not most) will be voting for IT.

The Babauta supporters believed in Babauta and likewise in Guerrero. Certainly, they do not necessarily support HY, as even their candidate do not believe in HY's leadership.

HY doesn't want to face the reality. They are behind by over 1,800 votes, lost the absentee votes by a landslide of 1,100 to only 600. They lost to IT in virtually all precincts. The youth voters are going for IT as the numbers are very telling.






Please stop... just stop... please... just stop saying that 54 percent are against IT because it is making the HY camp look like you don't know what you're doing.

Ian Romolor

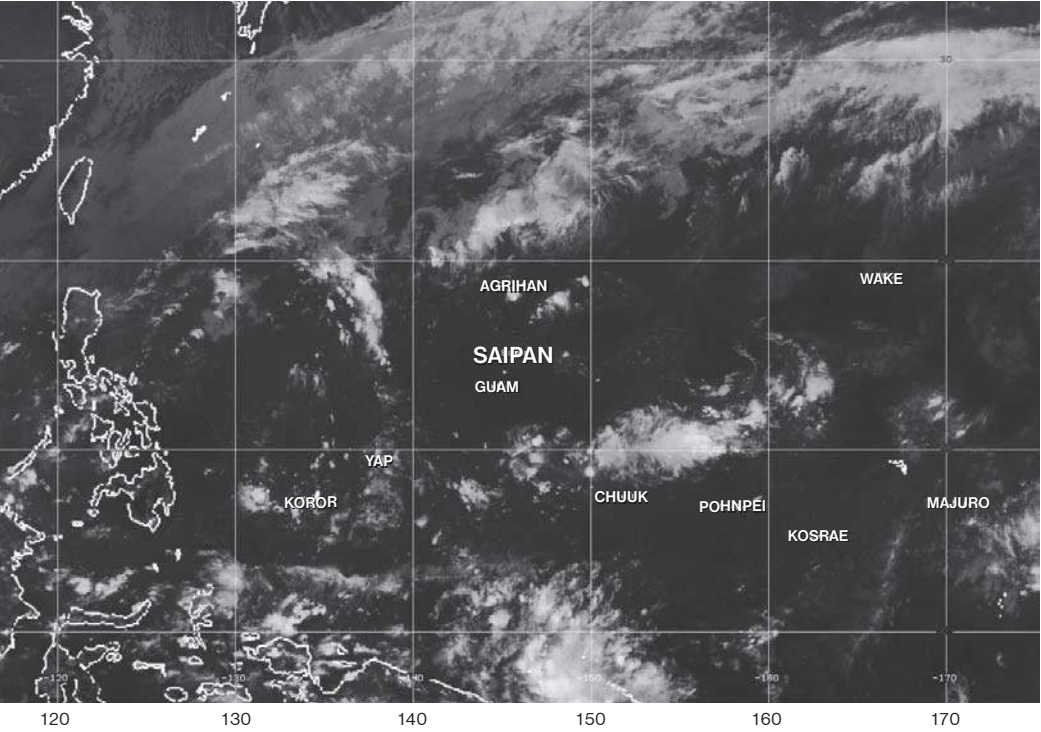
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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲87° ▼76°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line extends from 25N165E west-southwestward past Minami Tori Shima near 24N154E and then southwestward to 20N140E and west to beyond 130E at 19N. Cloudiness and scattered light showers are found along and north of the shear line to beyond 25N. Isolated thunderstorms are also occurring along this line west of 150E to the northwest of the shear line. An extensive area of low level cloudiness, rain, and northeasterly surface winds are occurring along a frontal system from 25N140E to west of 21N130E. A line of trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of the Marianas between 163E and 135E from 13N163E to 10N150E and to 8N135E or from northeast of Pohnpei to just east of Palau. A weak trade-wind trough has moved into the Marshalls bringing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from 2N to 10N between 173E and the dateline. Another similar area of tropical moisture is occurring between the equator and 2N from 130E to 150E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼89
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Windy	▲66	▼55
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲51	▼29
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲74	▼66
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲53	▼45
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼56
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼75
Melbourne	Sunny	▲85	▼67
Miami	Windy	▲77	▼61
New York	Windy	▲32	▼23
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲58	▼44
Paris	Fog	▲51	▼41
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲59	▼43
Rome	Showers	▲63	▼51
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲50	▼35
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼55
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲53	▼32
Tokyo	Sunny	▲59	▼41
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲33	▼24



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Saipan Harbor			
5:39 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
11:12 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
5:05 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:22 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:23 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	3:12 AM	3:20 PM
Thursday	4:02 AM	4:02 PM
Friday	4:54 AM	4:48 PM
Saturday	5:48 AM	5:37 PM
Sunday	6:44 AM	6:29 PM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
7C 3401	4:30pm	8:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764A	1:30am	5:30am	4, 7
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:30am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:10am	11:15am	1 via ICN
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UA5069/PR111	2:45am	4:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	7:20am	2, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	9:00am	3, 6 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	9:50pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5071/PR111	6:40am	4:50pm	3 via GUM
UA5071/PR111	7:15am	4:50pm	1, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:50pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:30pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:50pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:30pm	5 via GUM
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UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:50pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:50pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
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UA5070/179	4:15am	10:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	10:35pm	3 via GUM
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ARRIVALS			
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SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
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STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

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SAIPAN TO TINIAN		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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SAIPAN TO ROTA		
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Business

Why airfare keeps rising despite lower oil prices

NEW YORK (AP)—U.S. airlines are saving tens of millions of dollars every week because of lower prices for jet fuel, their largest expense. So why don't they share some of the savings with passengers?

Simply put: Airlines have no compelling reason to offer any breaks. Planes are full. Investors want a payout. And new planes are on order.

In fact, fares are going higher. And those bag fees that airlines instituted in 2008 when fuel prices spiked aren't going away either.

In the 12 months ended in September, U.S. airlines saved \$1.6 billion on jet fuel. That helped them post a 5.7 percent profit margin in the first three quarters of this year, robust for the industry but lagging behind the 10 percent average for the Standard & Poor's 500.

In the past six years, airlines have done a great job of adjusting the number of flights to fall just short of demand. As a result, those who want to fly will pay a premium to do so. Airlines are selling a record 85.1 percent of their domestic seats. Thanks to several mega-mergers, four big airlines control the vast majority of flights, leaving very little room for another airline to undercut fares.

With that in mind, here's a closer look at what's going on

with airfare and the price of jet fuel:

■ The average domestic airline ticket during the 12-month period ending in September rose 3.5 percent to \$372.21, according to an Associated Press analysis of data from the Airlines Reporting Corp., which processes ticket transactions for airlines and travel agencies. That figure doesn't include another \$56 in taxes and fees that passengers pay.

■ In the 12-month period ending in September, U.S. airlines burned through nearly 16.2 billion gallons of fuel. They paid an average of \$2.97 a gallon—down from \$3.07 the prior year, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. That 10-cent drop saved the industry \$1.6 billion. Fuel prices have since fallen further. United Airlines estimates it will pay \$2.76 to \$2.81 a gallon during the last three months of the year.

■ Put another way: U.S. airlines burn through 311 million gallons of fuel in a week. Lower fuel prices are saving them \$31 million a week.

■ Granted, with 753 million passengers carried last year that averages out to a savings of \$2.15 for each leg of a trip a passenger takes: \$4.30 on a roundtrip non-stop ticket or \$8.60 on a roundtrip connect-



AP
In this June 12, 2008 file photo, a worker hooks up a fuel hose to an airplane at Tampa International Airport in Tampa, Fla.

as high oil prices.

■ Money is also going back to investors. American Airlines this year paid its first dividend in 34 years, while Delta Air Lines restored its payout last year. Southwest Airlines, which has paid a dividend for more than 37 years, boosted its payout by 50 percent this spring. The airlines are all also buying back large amounts of their own stock.

■ Airlines responded to high fuel prices by limiting the number of flights, giving them the power to charge higher fares. Now, Wall Street analysts are worried that lower oil prices are causing them to recklessly add new routes or extra flights where profits aren't guaranteed. Hunter Keay, an analyst with Wolfe Research, recently wrote in a note to investors that the beauty of high oil prices is that they "force airlines to make hard choices that are almost always good for the long term investability of the space, mainly around capacity decisions and fees."

ing itinerary.

■ Fuel accounts for 34 percent of an airline's operating costs. The non-fuel costs include salaries and benefits, lease payments on airplanes, maintenance and fees for landing at airports. That doesn't include the cost of reservation systems, marketing or food and drinks.

■ Airlines are also reinvest-

ing in their planes, airport terminals and computers. In the first nine months of this year, U.S. carriers spent \$10.2 billion on capital improvements, according to the industry's trade and lobbying group, Airlines for America. That more than \$1 billion a month, the highest pace since the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

■ Airlines are on the largest

jet-buying spree in the history of aviation, ordering more than 10,000 new planes with manufacturers Airbus and Boeing in the past five years. Those orders are for new, fuel efficient planes. A temporary drop in oil prices shouldn't slow that process. New jets last 15 to 20 years and the buying is driven by cheap credit almost as much

Toyota to launch fuel cell car next month

TOKYO (AP)—There will only be a few hundred, and they won't be cheap, but Toyota is about to take its first small step into the unproven market for emissions-free, hydrogen-powered vehicles.

The world's largest automaker announced Tuesday that it will begin selling fuel cell cars in Japan on Dec. 15 and in the U.S. and Europe in mid-2015. The sporty-looking, four-door Toyota Mirai will retail for 6.7 million yen (\$57,600) before taxes. Toyota Motor Corp hopes to sell 400 in Japan and 300 in the rest of the world in the first year.

Fuel cell vehicles run on com-

pressed hydrogen gas, which in the Mirai's case is stored in two tanks mounted underneath the vehicle. They emit no exhaust, though fossil fuels are used in the production of hydrogen and to pressurize it. Both Honda and Hyundai are also experimenting with limited sales and leases of fuel cell cars.

Besides the relatively high cost, buyers will have to contend with finding fuel. Only a few dozen hydrogen filling stations have been built worldwide, though governments are subsidizing the construction of more.

It's an uncertain future that depends both on whether makers

can bring down the price, and a wide-enough network of filling stations is built. Yoshikazu Tanaka, deputy chief engineer for Toyota's next generation vehicle development, said he expects it will take 10-20 years for the Mirai to reach sales in the tens of thousands of vehicles a year.

Asked if it's a risk, he said yes, but Toyota views it as a challenge. Lkening it to a chicken and egg situation, he said if you say it's too risky and don't move forward with production, the number of filling stations will never grow. Toyota faced a similar scenario with its gasoline-electric hybrid, the Prius, which

now sells in big numbers.

"It was a big challenge when we first introduced the Prius, or hybrid car, in 1997," he said in an interview in Tokyo. "And it's an even bigger challenge this time because there is no infrastructure, and we're trying to lead" the commercialization of fuel cell cars.

Hoping to offset the inconvenience of finding fuel, Toyota gave the car a futuristic look inside and out—Mirai means future in Japanese—and made it peppy to try to attract buyers. It accelerates particularly quickly from about 40 to 70 kilometers (25 to 45 miles) per hour, Tanaka said.

More flight attendants take United buyout than what airline expected

CHICAGO—About 2,500 United flight attendants opted for individual buyouts of up to \$100,000, the airline said.

That's about 400 more flight attendants than the airline expected would take its offer, but all will be accommodated, a United spokeswoman said.

In September, United said it would offer some flight attendants buyout packages as it recalls flight attendants who are on voluntary and involuntary furlough. United has 1,450 flight attendants on furlough.

United, which has more flight

attendants than it wants, offered lump-sum payouts of up to \$100,000 for those who apply for the early out, and meet certain service and eligibility qualifications. They had until the end of October to apply for the buyouts.

The company awards early

outs in seniority order.

Flight attendants represented by the Association of Flight Attendants are in contract negotiations with the airline.

A United spokeswoman has said the buyouts should have no impact on the flying public. *(Chicago Tribune)*

'Facebook at Work' eyes to compete with Microsoft Office, Google Drive

Facebook could soon compete with Microsoft Office, LinkedIn and Google Drive on workplace collaboration tools, according to a company source who was not authorized to speak on the matter.

The toolset is called "Facebook at Work," and lets users communicate with their co-workers using the social network's traditional tools, such as news feed, messaging and groups, the source said. The product would also allow users to keep their personal Facebook profiles separate from work accounts.

While little is publicly known about the features of Facebook at Work, analysts say if the platform can be used as an online business networking tool and allow users to collaborate on a range of document types, it could compete directly with services such as Microsoft Office,

LinkedIn and Google Drive.

It could also take market share from companies such as LinkedIn, which currently has 90 million monthly active users. Facebook, in comparison, currently has 1.35 billion monthly active users.

Rob Koplowitz, an analyst at firm Forrester Research, said companies such as Microsoft, Google and IBM, which currently sell products to enterprises, will certainly take notice of Facebook at Work when it launches, especially if it can offer something that existing products can't.

"I think that blurring the lines between employees and customers might be that value proposition," Koplowitz said.

Facebook declined to comment for this article, and LinkedIn did not immediately respond to a request for comment. *(Los Angeles Times)*



LEADING INDICATORS

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+13.01	+1.50	-17.54
0.07%	0.07%	-0.37%

EXCHANGE RATES

Australian Dollar	1.1475	Indian Rupee	61.815	Singapore Dollar	1.2982
British Pound	0.6389	Indonesian Rupiah	12145	South Korean Won	1099.93
Canadian Dollar	1.1275	Japanese Yen	116.645	Swiss Franc	0.9632
Chinese Yuan	6.121	Malaysian Ringgit	3.353	Taiwan Dollar	30.7145
Euro	0.8018	New Zealand Dollar	1.2603	Thailand Baht	32.79

Nation

Man who died from Ebola endured treatment delays

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—A surgeon who contracted Ebola in his native Sierra Leone did not receive aggressive treatment until nearly two weeks after he first started showing symptoms—a delay that doctors said probably made it impossible for anyone to save his life.

Dr. Martin Salia was in the

13th day of his illness when he reached Omaha on Saturday. He had waited three days to be formally diagnosed after an initial test for Ebola came back negative. He then waited five more days to be flown to the United States.

By the time the 44-year-old Maryland man got to the Uni-

versity of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, the deadly virus had done too much damage, shutting down Salia's kidneys and making breathing difficult, doctors said. He died Monday.

"In the very advanced stages, even the modern techniques we have at our disposal are not enough to help these patients

once they reach a critical threshold," said Dr. Jeffrey Gold, chancellor of the medical center.

The virus has already killed more than 5,000 people in West Africa.

Salia, who chose to work in his homeland despite more lucrative opportunities elsewhere, was first tested for

Ebola on Nov. 7, but the test was negative, and he was discharged from a treatment center in Sierra Leone.

It's not unusual to see false negative tests for Ebola in the early stages because the amount of the virus in the bloodstream is still low, said Dr. Phil Smith, the infectious-

disease expert who leads the Nebraska Medical Center's biocontainment unit.

The U.S. government warns doctors to be wary of possible false negative tests for Ebola.

Salia tested positive for the disease on Nov. 10 but did not arrive at an Omaha hospital until Saturday.



PRODUCTION LAG

This Aug. 13, 2014 photo shows an array of mirrors at the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating site in Primm, Nev. The largest solar power plant of its type in the world isn't producing as much energy as planned. One of the reasons is as basic as it gets: The sun isn't shining as much as expected. Sprawling across roughly 5 square miles of federal desert near the California-Nevada border, the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System opened in February, with operators saying it would produce enough electricity to power a city of 140,000 homes. So far, however, the plant is producing about half of its expected annual output for 2014, according to calculations by the California Energy Commission. "Factors such as clouds, jet contrails and weather have had a greater impact on the plant than the owners anticipated," the agency said in a statement.

AP

Pope confirms Philly trip for families conference

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Organizers of the World Meeting of Families for months were coy when asked if Pope Francis would come to Philadelphia for the massive Roman Catholic-sponsored gathering.

It turns out that when the pontiff finally confirmed his attendance Monday, organizers already had gotten inside information from an unimpeachable source: Francis told Gov. Tom Corbett during a Vatican meeting in March that he would make the journey, his first papal visit to the United States.

"The Holy Father answered our invitation by whispering three words in Tom's ear: 'I will come,'" said Susan Corbett, Pennsylvania's first lady.

Protocol kept them from saying anything publicly until now, she said at a news conference hours after the pope's statement.

Still, the timing of Francis' announcement—made during

an interreligious Vatican conference on traditional family values—came as a bit of a surprise and set cellphones abuzz in Philadelphia around 3:30 a.m. EST. Organizers had not expected official word until later next year.

The September voyage will come at a time when the U.S. church is trying to keep Catholics in the fold, including Latino immigrants who have been joining Protestant churches or leaving organized religion in significant numbers. Expectations will also be high for Francis to address the clergy sex abuse scandals.

The World Meeting of Families is a conference held every three years in a different city to celebrate the importance of family. It will be the first pontifical trip to the U.S. since 2008.

"What an historic day, and an unparalleled day for the city of Philadelphia," Mayor Michael Nutter said. "We could not be more excited."

Details of Francis' itinerary will not be finalized until next spring or summer, officials said. But his confirmed attendance will likely help spur fundraising for the huge event. Just over half of the \$45 million budget has been raised so far, said Daniel J. Hilfert, president and CEO of Independence Blue Cross who also serves on the organizing committee.

The pope is also expected to visit New York and Washington, but Vatican officials would not confirm those legs of the trip Monday. The Vatican's envoy to the United Nations strongly hinted last week Francis would visit New York to address world leaders at the General Assembly.

The World Meeting of Families, set for Sept. 22-27, will feature several days of workshops, lectures and other activities. The conference—and the events surrounding it—are open to anyone who pays the registration fee.

Francis is expected to participate in the gathering's closing days and, like Pope John Paul II in 1979, celebrate a Mass on the

Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

"We're very, very grateful for this opportunity," said Archbishop Charles Chaput, who was at the Vatican for Francis' announcement Monday.



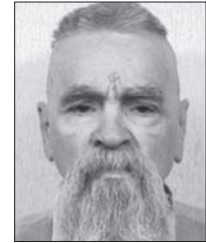
ACROSS THE NATION

Missouri governor activates National Guard

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)—Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon declared a state of emergency Monday and activated the National Guard ahead of a grand jury decision about whether a white police officer will be charged in the fatal shooting of a black 18-year-old in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson. Nixon said the National Guard would assist state and local police in case the grand jury's decision leads to a resurgence of the civil unrest that occurred in the days immediately after the Aug. 9 shooting of Michael Brown by Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson. There is no specific date for a grand jury decision to be revealed, and Nixon gave no indication that an announcement is imminent.

Police search for suspect in fatal subway shove

NEW YORK (AP)—Police on Monday hunted for the man who shoved a stranger off a subway platform to his death and circulated surveillance footage of the suspect walking calmly away from the station just minutes after the fatal



Manson

Charles Manson gets marriage license

CORCORAN, Calif. (AP)—Mass murderer Charles Manson plans to marry a 26-year-old woman who left her Midwestern home and spent the past nine years trying to help exonerate him.

Afton Elaine Burton, the raven-haired bride-to-be, said she loves the man convicted in the notorious murders of seven people, including pregnant actress Sharon Tate.

No date has been set, but a wedding coordinator has been assigned by the prison to handle the nuptials, and the couple has until early February to get married before they would have to reapply.

The Kings County marriage license, viewed Monday by The Associated Press, was issued Nov. 7 for the 80-year-old Manson and Burton, who lives in Corcoran—the site of the prison—and maintains several websites advocating his innocence.

Burton, who goes by the name "Star," told the AP that she and Manson will be married next month.

"Y'all can know that it's true," she said. "It's going to happen."

"I love him," she added. "I'm with him. There's all kinds of things."

However, as a life prisoner with no parole date, Manson is not entitled to family visits, a euphemism for conjugal visits.

So why would Burton marry him under those conditions?

She said she is interested in working on his case, and marrying him would allow her to get information not available to nonrelatives.

"There's certain things next of kin can do," she said without elaborating.

Tate's sister, Debra, who acts as a spokeswoman for the families of Manson's victims, said the impending marriage is "ludicrous."

"I think it's insane," she said. "What would any young woman in her right mind want with an 80-year-old man?"

As for Manson's motives, she said, "The devil is alive and well."

Burton gave an interview a year ago to Rolling Stone magazine in which she said she and Manson planned to marry. But Manson, who became notorious in 1969 as the leader of a roving "family" of young killers, was less certain about tying the knot.

"That's a bunch of garbage," Manson said in the December 2013 interview. "That's trash. We're playing that for public consumption."

push. Wai Kuen Kwok, 61, was standing with his wife on the platform at the Grand Concourse and East 167th Street station in the Highbridge neighborhood of the Bronx on Sunday when he was pushed from behind. Kwok was struck by a southbound D train at around 8:40 a.m. and pronounced dead at the scene. His wife was not injured. There was no indication that Kwok knew the man or had had any interaction with him before he was pushed, police said.

Active Alaska volcano calms down—for now

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—One of Alaska's most active volcanos has calmed down since spewing ash up to 35,000 feet into the air over the weekend, but scientists said Monday the volcano has a pattern of prolonged eruptions of varying intensity. They're not ready to consider this explosion over. Pavlof Volcano began erupting Wednesday, culminating with a major blast Saturday that lasted seven or eight hours before its seismic activity dramatically dropped. The National Weather Service warned aircraft to avoid the area over the weekend because of the ash plume.

Asia

As fears rise in Myanmar, Rohingya exodus grows

SITTWE, Myanmar (AP)—The captain of the small fishing vessel has spent most of his life helping fellow Rohingya Muslims escape persecution and hatred in Myanmar, but now even he is worried about the panicked pace the exodus has taken in recent weeks.

"Everyone is going now," Puton Nya said. "I'm afraid that soon, no one will be left."

Bouts of vicious violence, together with discriminatory government policies, have sent an estimated 100,000 Rohingya fleeing Buddhist-majority Myanmar by boat in the last two years, according to the Arakan Project, which has been advocating on behalf of the minority Muslims for more than a decade. Director Chris Lewa said the pace is accelerating, with more than 15,000 people leaving since Oct. 15—twice the number that fled during the same period last year.

Lewa believes heavy-handedness by soldiers and border guards in the northern tip of Rakhine state, where most of the estimated 1.3 million Rohingya live, has been "part of a campaign to create fear and to get them to leave."

She said in the last two months:

■ At least four Rohingya men were tortured to death. Security forces broke one of the victim's legs and burned his penis, Lewa said, and the pummeled body of another victim was found in a river.

■ Young men have been grabbed off the streets and brutally beaten by border guards and soldiers without any clear explanation. One photo snapped by a cellphone shows a man after he was allegedly smashed with the butt of a gun in the jaw, cheekbone and stomach.

■ More than 140 people

have been arrested in two dozen villages on what Lewa said appeared to be trumped-up charges, ranging from immigration violations to alleged links with Islamic militants.

National Minister of Information Ye Htut did not immediately respond to the allegations.

Denied citizenship by national law, Myanmar's Rohingya are effectively stateless, though historical records indicate some members of the ethnic group arrived in the country centuries ago. Many more arrived from neighboring Bangladesh in the 1900s when the country was under British rule. Almost all settled in Rakhine state, creating tensions with Buddhist residents who for generations considered it their duty to prevent an eastward Islamic spread into their nation and beyond.

Soon after Myanmar began transitioning from a half-centu-

ry of dictatorship to democracy in 2011, newfound freedoms of expression fanned the flames of hatred. Violence by Buddhist mobs left up to 280 people dead—most of them members of the religious minority—and chased another 140,000 from their homes.

They now live under apartheid-like conditions in camps outside Sittwe or in restricted villages. They cannot leave without paying hefty bribes to police and face constant threats of violence from Buddhist Rakhine neighbors.

Often, their proximity to their old homes is "tantalizingly short," Hugo Slim of Oxford University said in a report for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Many are just a few hundred meters (yards) from the fields they used to till, the schools their children used to attend, and the communities

that attacked them.

Rohingya statewide have limited access to schooling and health care. Doctors Without Borders, their key medical provider, was expelled from Rakhine eight months ago after the government accused it of bias. The government said in July that the Nobel prize-winning group could return, but has yet to make good on its promise. Rakhine state spokesman Win Myaing said the organization will be allowed to return "soon," but offered no clear timeline.

President Barack Obama, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and several other leaders visiting Myanmar last week for a series of summits called on the government to solve the crisis. Authorities have put forward a "Rakhine Action Plan," but that also has drawn criticism.

Under the plan, only those who can prove they lived in the

country since 1948 can qualify for citizenship. It is impossible for most to fulfill the requirement, in part because few hold any documents. Those who don't comply would be classified as "Bengali," a term that implies they are illegal migrants and could subject them to internment camps and eventual deportation.

Now Rohingya are leaving the country in numbers rarely seen before, bound for Malaysia, Indonesia and other nations. Many pass through Myin Hlut village, where they hide in houses before wading into the midnight waters and clamoring into fishing boats.

Shabu Kuna, 23, watched Rohingya from every corner of northern Rakhine make that journey from the dark, tiny hut she shared with her ailing mother, her unemployed father, her younger sister, brothers and several nieces and nephews.



In this Nov. 28, 2013 photo, the sun sets over anchored boats in a shallow lagoon off The Chaung village north of Sittwe, Myanmar.

American questioned for shipping human body parts

BANGKOK (AP)—A parcel delivery company in Bangkok put three packages bound for the United States through a routine X-ray and made a startling discovery: preserved human parts, including an infant's head, a baby's foot and an adult heart.

The body parts were stolen from the medical museums of one of Bangkok's biggest hospitals, its administrators said Monday.

Police Col. Chumpol Poompuang said the sender was a 31-year-old American tourist, Ryan McPherson, who told them he had found the items at a Bangkok night market. Po-

lice tracked down McPherson after being alerted by the shipper, DHL.

"He said he thought the body parts were bizarre and wanted to send them to his friends in the U.S.," Chumpol said, adding that the man was questioned along with an American friend for several hours and released without charges.

It apparently was not the first brush with notoriety for McPherson and his friend, identified by police as Daniel Tanner, 33. Photos of the two talking with police on Sunday closely resemble men by the same names and ages who were producers over a decade ago of

a video series featuring homeless people brawling and performing dangerous stunts after being paid by the filmmakers, who were based in Las Vegas.

They claimed sales of about 300,000 copies at \$20 each, though their "Bumfights" videos were banned in several communities and generally shunned by retailers after criticism that the films' subjects were being exploited.

McPherson and Tanner exited Thailand into neighboring Cambodia on Sunday, and could not be contacted for comment.

The three packages seized in Bangkok, which contained

five body pieces, were labeled as toys, police said. They were being sent to Las Vegas, including one parcel that McPherson had addressed to himself. Police said they were contacting the FBI to get information about the would-be recipients of the items.

In Washington, spokeswoman Minique Crump said the FBI was aware of the matter and was looking into it.

Clinical Professor Udom Kachintorn, the dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Bangkok's Siriraj Hospital, told reporters that the five human body parts were stolen from the hospital's museums. Two

of them belonged to the department of anatomy and the other three to the department of forensic medicine.

He said the two Americans visited the museum last Thursday but that closed circuit television video did not show them taking any items away.

Police Lt. Gen. Ruangsak Jarit-ake displayed graphic pictures of the five body parts and told reporters that the parts had been preserved separately in formaldehyde inside sealed acrylic or plastic boxes. Two of the parts were pieces of tattooed adult skin—one with a jumping tiger and the other bearing an ancient Asian script.

In some Thai cults, preserved fetuses or spiritual tattoos are

believed to give the owners good fortune or protection from evil. They can also be used to practice black magic.

The district attorney's office in San Diego, California, in 2002 filed felony charges including battery against McPherson and Tanner and two others in connection with production of the "Bumfights" videos. A judge reduced the counts to misdemeanors and the four pleaded guilty in 2003 to arranging a fight without a permit. They were fined \$500 each and ordered to perform community service at a homeless shelter, but McPherson and one colleague were sentenced to 180 days in jail in 2005 for failing to complete their community service.

World

Europeans have prominent role in beheading video

PARIS (AP)—The cold-eyed militants lined up behind their victims in the latest Islamic State video appear to come from outside the Middle East, including one from France and possibly two from Britain, as the extremist group tries to show a global reach.

The grisly video—clearly aimed at a Western audience—lingers as much on the faces of the camouflaged extremists as the men who are beheaded. The victims include American aid worker Peter Kassig and more than a dozen Syrian soldiers.

The images of the Islamic State militants, who are shown one by one in close-up, allowed authorities to identify one of them Monday as a 22-year-old Frenchman who converted to radical Islam.

Maxime Hauchard has been on the radar of French authorities since 2011 when he took two trips to Mauritania to attend a Quranic school, said Paris prosecutor Francois Molins. The prosecutor said investigators were trying to determine if another Frenchman also is in the video.

President Barack Obama confirmed Kassig's slaying after a U.S. review of the video.

The overwhelming majority of Islamic State fighters are from the Mideast, but the extremist group is trying to cement its claim on an Islamic empire straddling Iraq and Syria. Europe appears to be a fertile ground to find supporters, with officials saying thousands of young Europeans have headed off to jihad. More than 1,000 people in France alone are under surveillance for suspected plans to join the militants, officials said.

In the video released Sunday, some of the knife-wielding extremists standing behind their kneeling victims had distinctly Asian features. Another whose face was hooded had the familiar London accent of the jihadi who also appeared in beheading videos with American hostages James Foley and Steven Sotloff, and with British hostages David Haines and Alan Henning. There also were indications that a Welsh medical student may be the man standing next to Hauchard.

"It's quite transparent that IS is trying to exaggerate its base of support," said Charlie Winter, a researcher at the Quilliam Foundation in London. "They are trying to show that Muslims

from all over the world are protecting their Syrian brethren and their Iraqi brethren."

European officials are trying just as furiously to counter that message.

"I call solemnly and seriously on all our citizens, and notably our young people who are the primary target of the terrorist propaganda, to open your eyes to the terrible reality of the actions of Daesh," said French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve, using an Arabic acronym for the Islamic State group. "These are criminals that are building a system of barbarity."

Hauchard gave an interview to France's BFM television in July, telling the network he had helped capture Mosul, the Iraqi city whose fall eventually

prompted the United States to resume military operations in Iraq.

"We're waiting for death," Hauchard said at the time. "My objective is to be a martyr."

A man from Wales, Ahmed Muthana, said he thinks he saw his son, 20-year-old Nasser Muthana, in the latest video, and Winter, the British researcher, confirmed the likeness.

"It resembles him. I was shown a picture of the video. I cannot confirm it is him, but I think it might be," Ahmed Muthana told Britain's Press Association.

Kassig had gone to Syria on a humanitarian mission. His parents, Ed and Paula Kassig, said Monday that while their hearts have been shattered by

his death, they believe his life is proof that "one person can make a difference."

"In 26 years, he has witnessed and experienced firsthand more of the harsh realities of life than most of us can imagine," Paula Kassig said in Indianapolis, Indiana, reading a brief statement. "But rather than letting the darkness overwhelm him, he has chosen to believe in the good—in himself and in others."

As for the French militant in the video, Molins said he had used aid work as a pretext.

"The humanitarian action was a facade. In fact, he wanted to fight and join Islamic State agents," Molins said.

With Kassig's death, the Islamic State group has killed five

Westerners it was holding.

Unlike previous videos of slain Western hostages, the latest one did not show the decapitation of Kassig, the moments leading up to his death or threaten to kill any other Western hostages.

It identified the militants' location as Dabiq, a town in northern Syria that the Islamic State group uses as the title of its English-language propaganda magazine and where they believe an apocalyptic battle between Muslims and their enemies will occur.

The high-definition video also showed the beheadings of about a dozen men identified as Syrian military officers and pilots, all dressed in blue jumpsuits.

Report: 51 killed in Congo police sweep vs gangs

KINSHASA, Congo (AP)—Human Rights Watch says in a new report that police in Congo's capital conducted dozens of extrajudicial killings in a three-month crackdown against organized crime gangs.

The rights group says "Operation Likofi" launched last November aimed to quash an upsurge in armed robbery and other crimes by small gangs known as kuluna.

In the report released Tuesday, Human Rights Watch says police behind the sweep killed at least 51 young men and teenage boys—at times when they

were unarmed, outside their homes, or in open markets, for intimidation. Five were aged from 14 to 17 years old, and nearly three dozen more people disappeared, it said.

Human Rights Watch urged international donors and the United Nations to "publicly and privately" pressure Congo into arresting and prosecuting those responsible.

It said Gen. Celestin Kanyama, said to be the commander of the operation, should be suspended pending a judicial probe of crimes associated with the operation.

Congo, a former Belgian colony the size of Western Europe, suffered through back-to-back wars between 1998 and 2002. Its restive east remains home to a myriad of armed groups vying for control of the region's vast mineral resources. While the capital of Kinshasa is far from there, the city has long faced criminal—and at times, politically affiliated—gang violence.

During the sweep against the kuluna, Kinshasa police conducted numerous raids, and innocent victims were at times mistakenly targeted, Human Rights Watch said. Au-

thorities led a broad cover-up such as by issuing gag orders to doctors, threatening journalists, and denying relatives access to bodies of their loved ones, the report said.

The report was based on interviews with relatives, police and government officials and others, Human Rights Watch said. While Congolese authorities told the rights group that some officers had been convicted, its report said six magistrates had indicated that only convictions for lesser crimes such as extortion were meted out—none for killings or abductions.

WORLD BRIEFS

4 Israelis killed in Jerusalem synagogue attack

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israeli police say four worshippers have been killed in an attack on a Jerusalem synagogue. Police spokeswoman Luba Samri says six people were wounded in the assault, which was described as a "terrorist attack." Samri says two assailants entered the synagogue on Tuesday with knives, axes and guns and attacked worshippers. The attackers were killed in a shootout with police. Samri said the attackers were Palestinians from east Jerusalem. The violence comes amid high tensions in the city, with a wave of attacks by Palestinians on Israelis killing at least six people in recent weeks.

Colombia halts peace talks after general is taken

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—President Juan Manuel Santos demanded Colombia's largest rebel group demonstrate its commitment to peace and immediately release an army general it captured Sunday, saying the resumption of suspended talks to end the half-century conflict depend on it. Santos addressed the nation Monday night little more than 24 hours after Gen. Ruben Dario Alzate, dressed in civilian clothes, was snatched by gunmen along with two

others while visiting a hamlet along a remote river in western Colombia. A soldier who managed to flee in the group's boat, and reportedly had advised the general against traveling deep into the jungle, said the rebels belonged to the recalcitrant 34th Front of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

Amnesty: UAE in unprecedented clampdown on dissent

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—The United Arab Emirates has quietly mounted "an unprecedented clampdown on dissent" since 2011, with more than 100 political activists jailed or prosecuted for calling for political reforms, leading human rights group Amnesty International said in a report released Tuesday. The nearly 80-page report said that the Western-allied Gulf Arab country projects an image of glitz and glamor, but that beneath this facade "is a much uglier reality, where activists who dare to challenge the authorities or speak out in favor of greater democracy and government accountability are thrown into jail." The UAE, home to Abu Dhabi and Dubai, is ruled by families, like much of the energy-rich Gulf. There are no political parties and foreigners greatly outnumber locals.

Scientists 'confident' comet lander will wake up

BERLIN (AP)—A burst of sunshine in the spring could be just the wakeup call for Europe's comet lander.

Scientists raised hopes Monday that as the Philae lander nears the sun its solar panel-powered battery will recharge, and the first spacecraft to touch down on a comet will send a second round of scientific data back to Earth.

Since landing with a bounce on the comet Wednesday, Philae has already sent back reams of data that scientists are eagerly examining. But there were fears its mission would be cut short because it came to rest in the shadow of a cliff. Its signal went silent Saturday after its primary battery ran out.

Shortly before that happened, the European Space Agency decided to attempt to tilt the lander's biggest solar panel toward the sun—a last-ditch maneuver that scientists believe may have paid off.

"We are very confident at some stage it will wake up again and we can achieve contact," Stephan Ulamec, the lander manager, told The Associated Press.

That should happen next

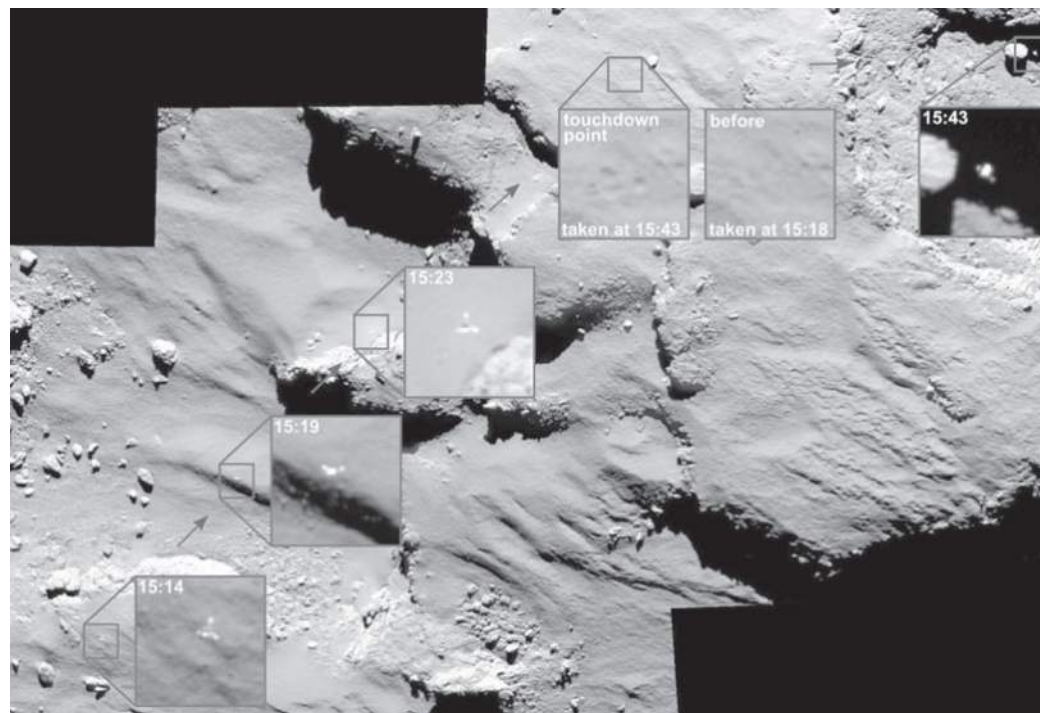
spring, when Philae and the comet it's riding on—called 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko—get closer to the sun, warming up a secondary battery on board and bringing it out of its unplanned hibernation. A few days of sunshine on the solar panels should be enough to

charge the battery sufficiently to resume collecting scientific data, Ulamec said.

Philae's position in the shadows may even prove to be a blessing in disguise. Shielded from the sun's rays, the lander could survive for longer as the comet approaches perihelion—

its closest point to the sun—in August.

Before they can say for certain if they'll be able to restore contact with Philae, scientists first need to find out where on the 2.5-mile (4-kilometer)-wide comet the washing machine-sized lander is, he added.



The combination image of several partially enlarged photographs released by the European Space Agency, ESA, Monday, Nov. 17, 2014 shows the journey of Rosetta's Philae lander as it approached and then rebounded from its first touchdown on Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko on Nov. 12, 2014.

AP

Focus

NEW YORK (AP)—One of America's favorite pastimes is changing rapidly.

When it comes to shopping, more Americans are skipping the stores and pulling out their smartphones and tablets. Still, there's more on the horizon for shopping than just point-and-clicking.

No one thinks physical stores are going away permanently. But because of the frenetic pace of advances in technology and online shopping, the stores that remain will likely offer amenities and services that are more about experiences and less about selling a product. Think: Apple Inc.'s stores.

Among the things industry watchers are envisioning are holograms in dressing rooms that will allow shoppers to try on clothes without getting undressed. Their homes will be equipped with smart technology that will order light bulbs before they go dark. And they'll be able to print out a full version of coffee cups and other products using 3-D technology in stores.

"Physical shopping will become a lot more fun because it's going to have to be," retail futurist Doug Stephens says.

MORE SERVICES

Forrester analyst Sucharita Mulpuru says stores of the future will be more about services, like day care, veterinary services and beauty services. Services that connect online and offline shopping could increase as well, with more drive-thru pickup and order-online, pickup-in-store services. Checkout also will be self-service or with cashiers using computer tablets.

Some stores are taking self-service further: A store in Seattle called Hointer displays clothing not in piles or on racks but as one piece hanging at a time, like a gallery.

Shoppers just touch their smartphones to a coded tag on the item and then select a color and size on their phone. Technology in the store keeps track of the items, and by the time a shopper is ready to try them on, they're already at the dressing room.

If the shopper doesn't like an item, he tosses it down a chute, which automatically removes the item from the shopper's online shopping cart. The shopper keeps the items that he or she wants, which are purchased automatically when leaving the store, no checkout involved.

Nadia Shouraboura, Hointer's CEO, says once shoppers get used to the process, they're hooked.

"They end up buying a lot more, they're laughing and playing with it," she says.

ON-DEMAND COUPONS

Some stores like British retailer



In this undated photo provided by Hointer, a woman demonstrates the Seattle store's shopping technology.

AP

What shopping will look like in the future

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Thanks to technology from Cisco, you can shop via a screen, touchpad, and try on clothes virtually in the near future.

Tesco and drugstore Duane Reade now are testing beacons, Bluetooth-enabled devices that can communicate directly with your cellphone to offer discounts, direct you to a desired product in a store or enable you to pay remotely.

For example, you can walk into a drugstore where you normally buy face cream. The

beacon would recognize your smartphone, connect it with past purchasing history and send you a text or email with a coupon for the cream.

"The more we know about customers ... you can use promotions on not a macro level but a micro level," says Kasey Lobaugh, chief retail innovation officer at Deloitte Consulting.

A store could offer a mother 20 percent off on Mother's Day, for example, or offer frequent buyers of paper towels a discount on bulk purchases.

That appeals to Seattle resident Sarah Hamilton, 31, who says discounts definitely draw her into stores.

"I don't like the idea of my data grabbed onto by random

marketers online, but if it was an actual store I'm interested in, I would be OK with that," Hamilton says.

3-D PRINTING

Within 10 years, 3-D printing could make a major disruption in retail, Deloitte's Lobaugh predicts. Take a simple item like a coffee cup. Instead of produc-

ing one in China, transporting it and distributing it to retail stores, you could just download the code for the coffee cup and 3-D print it at a retail outlet or in your own home.

"That starts a dramatic change in terms of the structure of retail," Lobaugh said. And while 3-D printing today is primarily plastic, Lobaugh says there are tests at places like MIT Media Lab and elsewhere with other materials, including fabric.

"The big question is when," he says. Right now a few stores offer rudimentary 3-D-printing services, but they are very limited. He predicts the shift will come in 10 to 20 years.

ORDER YOURSELF

Steve Yankovich, head of innovation for eBay, thinks someday buying household supplies won't take any effort at all. He says someday a connected home could be able to use previous customer history and real-time data the house records to sense when a light bulb burns out, for example, and order a new one automatically. Or a washing machine will order more detergent when it runs low.

"A box could show up on porch with this disparate set of 10 things the connected home and eBay determined you needed to keep things running smoothly," he says. "It's called zero-effort commerce."

Raquel Ribera, 32, in Carpinteria, California, said she cut back on store shopping when she moved to a less urban area, and would appreciate a service like that.

"Everybody has that nagging to-do list, the random light bulb or batteries to purchase, that's super easy to forget," she says. "If it came to my door automatically that would be nice."

HOLOGRAMS

EBay recently bought PhiSix, a company working on creating life-size 3-D models of clothing that can be used in dressing rooms to instantly try on different colors of clothing or different styles. You can see 30 or 40 items of clothing realistically without physically trying them on.

EBay's Yankovich says the technology can be used in a virtual dressing room as well, showing what the clothes look like when you are, say, walking down the street or hitting a golf club.

Some companies have been testing this already. British digital agency Engage created a Virtual Style Pod that scanned shoppers and created a life-size image onto which luxury clothing from brands like Alexander McQueen and DKNY were projected. The Pod was displayed in shopping centers in Dubai and Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates.

Good Housekeeping

‘AS MUCH VIEW AS WE COULD GET’ Accessible home sits sky high over Seattle



Brom Wikstrom works in his fourth-floor studio, which offers ship captain's views of Puget Sound. Like his dad, Brom is a member of the Puget Sound Group of Northwest Painters. He also belongs to the Mouth & Foot Painting Artists association.

By REBECCA TEAGARDEN
THE SEATTLE TIMES

SEATTLE—Anne and Brom Wikstrom have lived in the city's Magnolia neighborhood for a very long time. They're used to beautiful views. Blue water. Purple mountains. Rising city.

So when they started talking about a new place, they didn't talk about a nice view. They didn't want a nice view.

They wanted a stunning view. This view: Puget Sound from Seattle's shipping terminals, across Alki Beach, the sweep out to Bainbridge Island, Olympic Mountains, around to Queen Anne Hill, over the Space Needle, downtown, across the Great Wheel and over again. All beneath great various-shades-of-blue skies.

"We wanted as much view as we could get without blocking anybody else," says Anne, directing her comments at the version of Mount Rainier that causes wrecks on the freeway.

What? Oh. Yes! Of course. We're hanging off the fourth-floor deck of the Wikstroms' new tower of a home designed by Mike Butrim of David Vandervort Architects and built atop one of Magnolia's highest points. Behind it, on a short dead-end street, are cedars even taller than the house. No views blocked.

"This is pretty much where I am all the time," says Brom. This crow's nest is his studio. Brom Wikstrom is an artist from a family of them (father, brother), a painter of everything from fine art to greeting cards, and co-owner, with brother William, of the Wikstrom Brothers Gallery in the

Tangletown neighborhood.

Northwest art is in his blood, on his walls and, three floors below, packed into the racks of his new office. Working in all that art (and all those views) was part of the architect's challenge. But only part.

"I was really nervous about relying on an elevator," says Brom. "In the old place I could go outside to get my exercise."



The open stairs sit in a glass well and offer a view of the private back garden. (Brom Wikstrom moves throughout the home via elevator.) Anne Wikstrom is a master gardener who transferred many plants from their old house.

The artist moves about the world in a wheelchair and has only limited use of his arms. (He paints with his teeth.)

"But we are at that stage in our lives that if we were going to have a maintenance-light grounds and house and the view and space for my mother, now's the time."

And this is the place. Downstairs, Dorothy Wikstrom, 87,

is at home in her one-bedroom flat, open living room-kitchen, a large craft room/laundry suitable for quilting. (She makes them for the Moyer Foundation's Camp Erin for bereaved children.)

"This is like returning home for Mom, because we grew up here," says Brom. He used to play with the kid who lived on this very spot.

Between apartment and studio is a floor for bedrooms, another for the kitchen, living and dining rooms. Walls are glass.

"Brom calls this my floor," says Anne, setting out fat slices of blueberry bread in the kitchen, which appears to extend all the way to Bainbridge Island.

Butrim offered his clients three plans and three contractors. "We interviewed them, but David [Vandervort] gave us the questions to ask," says Anne. "The first two came in suits. No calluses on their hands." They hired the third guy, Brian De Young, Stone-wood Builders.

Items, whenever possible, are American made. Tile, countertops, floors. The architect worked his way up from the old foundation: Cantilevered cedar elements reach for the views and are anchored by the metal-clad central mass. At its base, the home is brick, a nod to those nearby.

"This is our forever house," says Anne. "The apartment will be for our caregiver."

But for now? "I think our favorite thing is the sunsets," says Brom.

"The Ferris wheel (the Seattle Great Wheel on Elliott Bay)!" says Anne. "We love the Ferris wheel. It's mesmerizing."

Repairing cracked exterior siding



By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA
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Q: I noticed recently that something had hit the side of my house and left a crack in the vinyl siding. It looks like just one of the "boards" is damaged, and I don't want water getting inside the walls. Is there a quick way to fix it?—Maryanne T., Denton, Texas

A: You can put a temporary patch over minimally damaged siding to protect it from the elements, using a matching or near-matching replacement panel purchased from your home-improvement store. It's not an ideal fix, because the seam line will be somewhat obvious and the replacement panel will not match exactly due to the original siding having weathered. It also won't hold for many months, so make plans to have the damaged siding replaced soon.

Besides a replacement panel, you'll need a box cutter, measuring tape, a power drill, a siding riveter and rivets. (In a pinch you can use a staple gun, hot glue, roof patching or nails, but be aware these are not standard siding fasteners.) Set up a sturdy work surface near the repair area to minimize time spent walking back to your workbench.

Measure the damaged area, adding 4-6 inches on either side of the crack. Use this measurement to cut the replacement siding to the same width.

Now, you can just slip the new patch into place over the dam-

aged area. It will stand up slightly from the surrounding siding. To help it sit a little more flush and provide added protection, trim away part of the top and bottom of the patch.

Use the box cutter to trim away the topmost row of holes—these are punch outs where anchor nails typically go, but you won't be using them. Cut carefully, and then gently snap away the punch outs.

Next, trim away about half of the bottom "lip" of the panel, leaving just a narrow lip to slip around the bottom of the siding it will cover. Again, use the box cutter carefully and be cautious when snapping away the trimmed portion. Here's a video that explains how to do this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ch30NCj1b0>

Slip the patch into place, tucking the top portion under the siding panel above the damaged spot and pushing the bottom lip into place. Hold the patch in place by drilling a hole through the bottom "lip" of the patch and the bottom of the siding panel it's covering, on either side of the patch about an inch or so in. Then, use the rivet gun to place a rivet in each hole.

Again, this patch won't hold for too long, so plan on replacing the entire panel as soon as possible.



HOME TIP: Vinyl siding is designed to "float" to allow for expansion and contraction in the elements. Use the minimum number of nails or rivets required to hold replacement panels in place, rather than trying to secure the siding tightly.

Send your questions or home tips to ask@thisisahammer.com.

COMFORT FOOD

Tomato-Macaroni and Cheese Bake

By HEALTHY EXCHANGES
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"I'm hungry! What's for supper?" When you hear those words, this is a perfect answer. It also helps take the chill out of the coldest, rainiest, windiest autumn day.

- 1 (12-fluid-ounce) can evaporated fat-free milk
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
- 1 (10 3/4-ounce) can reduced-fat tomato soup
- 1 tablespoon dried onion flakes
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 1/2 cups cooked elbow macaroni, rinsed and drained

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-by-8-inch baking dish with

butter-flavored cooking spray.

2. In a covered jar, combine evaporated milk and flour. Shake well to blend. Pour milk mixture into a medium saucepan sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray. Add cheddar cheese. Mix well to combine.

3. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and cheese melts, stirring constantly. Stir in tomato soup, onion flakes, parsley flakes, chili powder and black pepper. Add macaroni. Mix well to combine.

4. Spread mixture into prepared baking dish. Bake for 30 minutes. Place baking dish on a wire rack and let set for 5 minutes. Divide into 6 servings.

■ Each serving equals: 249 calories, 5g fat, 15g protein, 36g carb., 511mg sodium, 3g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1 Meat, 1/2 Fat-Free Milk.

Life & Style

Chopin's heart exhumed in secret, like a relic

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—As Frederic Chopin gasped for air on his deathbed in Paris in 1849, he whispered a request that became the stuff of musical legend: Remove my heart after I die and entomb it in Poland. He wanted the symbol of his soul to rest in the native land he pined for from self-imposed exile in France.

Ever since, the composer's body has rested in peace at the famed Pere Lachaise cemetery in Paris—while his heart has endured a wild journey of intrigue and adulation.

First it was sealed in a jar of liquor believed to be cognac. Then it was smuggled into Warsaw past Russian border guards. Once in his hometown, Chopin's heart passed through the hands of several relatives before being enshrined within a pillar in Holy Cross Church. During World War II, it briefly fell into the clutches of the Nazis. The organ has been exhumed several times, most recently in a secret operation to check whether the tissue remains well preserved.

Chopin's heart inspires a deep fascination in Poland normally reserved for the relics of saints. For Poles, Chopin's nostalgic compositions capture the national spirit—and the heart's fate is seen as intertwined with Poland's greatest agonies and triumphs over nearly two centuries of foreign occupation, warfare and liberation.

"This is a very emotional object for Poles," said Michal Witt, a geneticist involved in the inspection. Chopin is "extremely special for the Polish soul."

Chopin experts have wanted to carry out genetic testing to establish whether the sickly genius died at 39 of tuberculosis, as is generally believed, or of some other illness. But they remain frustrated. The Polish church and government, the custodians of the heart, have for years refused requests for any invasive tests, partly because of the opposition of a distant living relative of the composer.

This year, however, they finally consented to a superficial inspection after a forensic scientist raised alarm that after so many years the alcohol could have evaporated, leaving the heart to dry up and darken.

Close to midnight on April 14, after the last worshippers had left the Holy Cross Church, 13 people sworn to secrecy gathered in the dark sanctuary.

They included the archbishop of Warsaw, the culture minister, two scientists and other offi-

cials. With a feeling of mystery hanging in the air, they worked in total concentration, mostly whispering, as they removed the heart from its resting place and carried out the inspection—taking more than 1,000 photos and adding hot wax to the jar's seal to prevent evaporation. Warsaw's archbishop recited prayers over the heart and it was returned to its rightful place. By morning, visitors to the church saw no trace of the exhumation.

"The spirit of this night was very sublime," said Tadeusz Dobosz, the forensic scientist on the team.

Polish officials kept all details of the inspection secret for five months before going public about it in September, giving no reason for the delay. They are also not releasing photographs of the heart, mindful of ethical considerations surrounding the display of human remains, said Artur Szklener, director of the Fryderyk Chopin Institute in Warsaw, a state body that helps preserve the composer's legacy.

"We don't want this to be a media sensation, with photos of the heart in the newspapers," Szklener said. However, to prove that the heart is in good shape, he showed The Associated Press photographs of the organ, an enlarged white lump submerged in an amber-colored fluid in a crystal jar.

Some Chopin experts are critical of what they consider a lack of transparency.

Steven Lagerberg—the American author of "Chopin's Heart: The Quest to Identify the Mysterious Illness of the World's Most Beloved Composer"—believes international experts should have also been involved in the inspection. He said he wishes that the exhumation had involved genetic tests on a small sample of tissue to determine the cause of Chopin's death.

Though Lagerberg and others believe that Chopin probably died of tuberculosis—the official cause of death—the matter isn't fully settled. Some scientists suspect cystic fibrosis, a disease still unknown in Chopin's time, or even some other illnesses.

"The mystery of this man's illness lingers on—how he could survive for so long with such a chronic illness and how he could write pieces of such extraordinary beauty," Lagerberg said. "It's an intellectual puzzle, it's a medical mystery and it's an issue of great scientific curiosity."

Chopin was born near Warsaw in 1810 to a Polish mother

and French emigre father. He lived in Warsaw until 1830, when he made his way to Paris—where he chose a life of exile because of the brutal repressions imposed by Imperial Russia after a failed uprising.

AP

This photo from Nov. 5, 2014, shows a monument dedicated to the 19th century composer Frederic Chopin in a park in Warsaw, Poland.



DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

†Julita Sablan Taitano Palacios

Lovingly known as 'Julie'

Born on July 9, 1967 was called to her Eternal Rest at the age of 47 on November 12, 2014 at the Commonwealth Health Center

In Her New Life she now joins her:

FATHER: †Augustine Igitol Taitano
MOTHER: †Rita Sablan Taitano
REARED MOTHER: †Teresa Igitol Taitano
MOTHER-IN-LAW: †Rufina Demapan Palacios
BROTHERS-IN-LAW: †Canice Quitugua Kapileo, †Vicente Masga Sablan, †Gregorio Villagomez Deleon Guerrero, †Adrian Filelbuw Murig

Her Loving Memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

HUSBAND: John Diego Demapan Palacios
CHILDREN: Fatima T. Palacios & Mark Alexander (Carmelita P. & Khalia P. Castro)
 John Diego T. Palacios Jr. & Ann Margaret C. Cruz
 Angel Keoni T. Palacios

FATHER-IN-LAW: Francisco Muna Palacios

BROTHERS & SISTERS and SPOUSES:

Veronica T. and †Canice Kapileo & Children
 Pedro S. Taitano and Del S. Norita & Children
 Maryann T. and John Mendiola & Children
 Joseph S. and Emily Taitano & Children
 Elaine T. and Henry Iguel & Children
 Venicia T. and Daniel Suel & Children

REARED BROTHERS and SPOUSES:

Sebastian and Josephine L. Tajibmai & Children
 Finian and Valerie K. Malwelbug & Children
 Jose and Yvette C. Iguel & Children

BROTHERS/SISTERS-IN-LAW and SPOUSES:

Darlene P. and †Vicente M. Sablan & Children
 Maryanne P. and James P. Reyes & Children
 Jacinta D. Palacios & Dave Campbell & Children
 Fatima P. and Antonio B. Cabrera & Children
 Terry P. and Geronimo A. Baring & Children
 Bernadita D. Palacios and Anthony R. Carson & Daughter
 Francisco D. Palacios & Children
 Rita D. Palacios
 Benjamin D. and Evelyn C. Palacios & Children
 Raymond D. Palacios & Children
 Frances D. Palacios & Children
 Michael D. and Yumi Palacios & Children
 Pauline D. and Wednesday A. Palacios & Children

She will also be missed dearly by numerous Uncles, Aunts, Nephews, Nieces, Cousins, God-Children and Friends.

Nightly rosary for the soul of our Dearest Julie is being said at 7:00pm at the Nuestra Senora Bithen Delos Remedios Church in Tanapag. Final Rosary will be on Thursday, November 20, 2014.

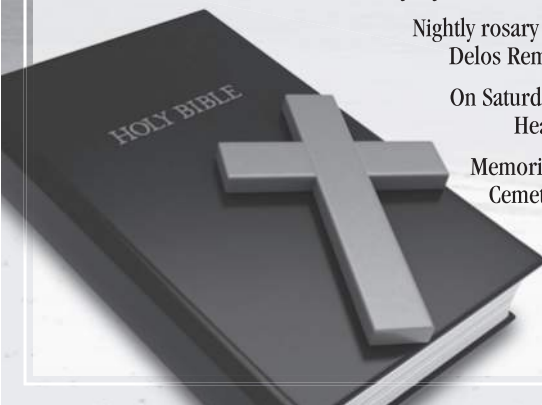
On Saturday, November 22, 2014 at 8:00 am, she will be escorted from the Commonwealth Health Center to the Grace Christian Assembly in Navy Hill for public viewing.

Memorial Service will begin at 11:00 am followed by interment services at the Tanapag Cemetery. Lunch will be served immediately after burial at the Tanapag Social Hall.

Your thoughts, prayers, support, words of comfort and presence are sincerely appreciated.

Thank you, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, and Olomwaay.

John Diego D. Palacios, Children and Family



Bill Cosby hunkers down as scandal rages

NEW YORK (AP)—After Bill Cosby settled a civil lawsuit in 2006 alleging that he'd repeatedly sexually assaulted a woman, his image as America's dad may have been temporarily tarnished, but was far from destroyed.

But in recent weeks as allegations of other sexual assaults have taken hold in published reports and on social media, his rock-solid persona seems in danger of permanent erosion.

"It's not like, if you have goodwill, you can borrow against that," says Eric B. Dezenhall, a Washington-based crisis management consultant. "And if your goal is to get everybody to un-remember what they just heard—well, that's just not doable."

Cosby, 77, has never been charged with a crime and so far has steadfastly refused to address the uproar. He's granted few in-person interviews to media. And an attempt to put out the fire with a positive social media buzz backfired, generating criticism rather than praise.

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NEW YORK (AP)—A blanket denial from Bill Cosby's lawyer dismissing allegations of sexual abuse by the comedian against several women has been clarified with a subsequent statement.

The new statement released Monday says that Cosby's denials do not refer to accuser Andrea Constand, whose civil lawsuit against him was settled in 2006.

Differences between Cosby and Constand were "resolved

to the mutual satisfaction" of both parties, according to the new statement, jointly issued by lawyers for Cosby and Constand. Neither party intends to comment further, it adds.

The earlier statement, issued over the weekend, referred to "decade-old, discredited allegations" against Cosby, stating that "the fact that they are being repeated does not make them true."

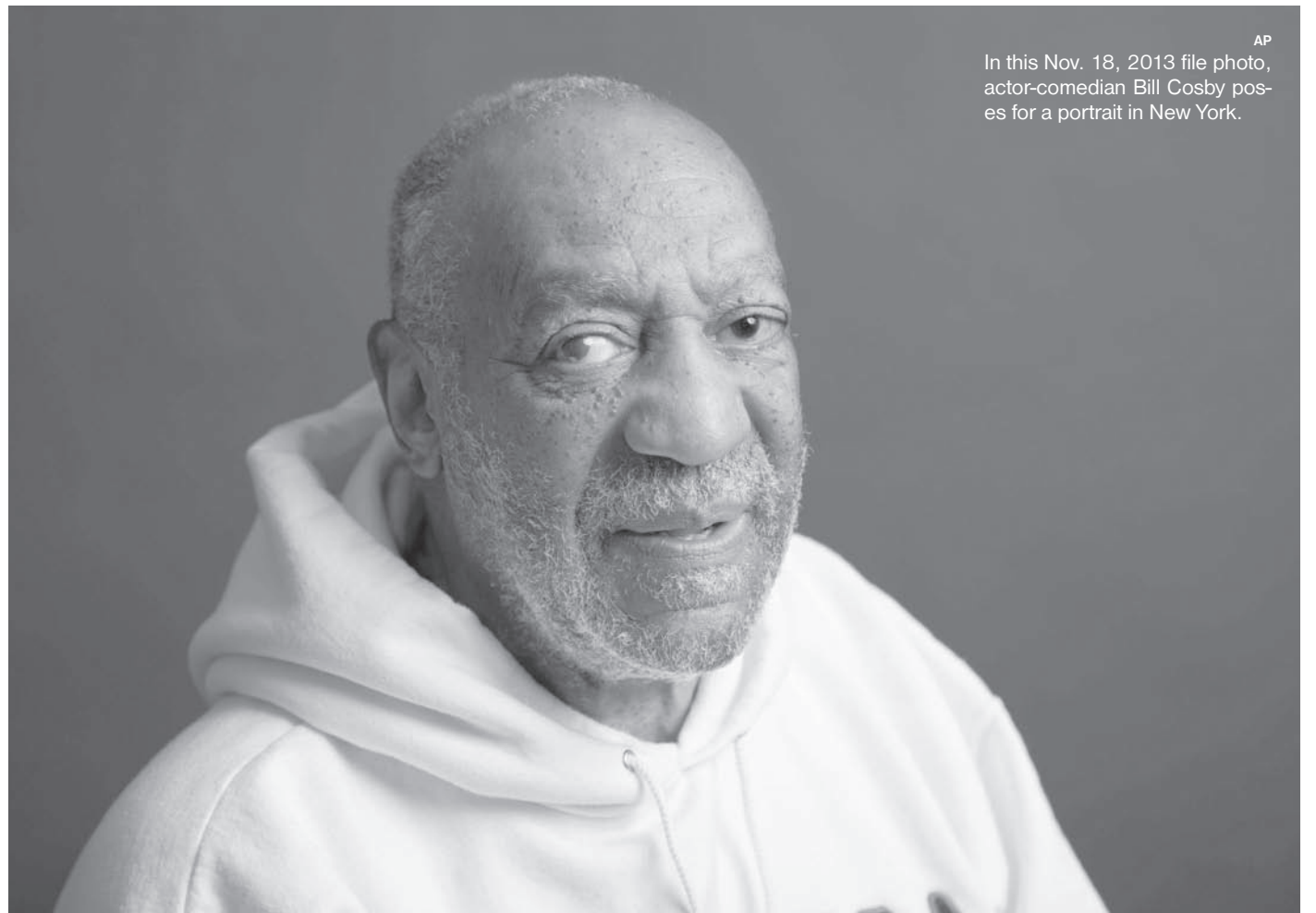
Constand had accused Cosby of drugging and sexually assaulting her in 2004.

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There is no sign that his silent treatment—outside of a statement from his attorney Sunday characterizing the accusations as "discredited"—will placate the two accusers who have recently told their stories or outlast their demands that he answer to their claims.

His staunchest fans have dismissed the assault accusations that have dogged him for years while they overlooked his admissions of marital infidelity. For them, his image remains snugly aligned with that of Cliff Huxtable, the gentle, all-knowing husband and father he played on "The Cosby Show" as a champion of family values who, 20 years earlier, broke TV's color barrier with his 1960s series "I Spy."

But that image could hurt now more than help, even placing his legacy at risk.

"We love the concept of hypocrisy, whether it's true or not," says Dezenhall, who recently



AP
In this Nov. 18, 2013 file photo, actor-comedian Bill Cosby poses for a portrait in New York.

published the book "Glass Jaw—A Manifesto for Defending Fragile Reputations in an Age of Instant Scandal." "We love learning that somebody in reality may be the opposite of what they seem. ... The squeaker-clean your reputation, the more the public embraces these stories."

For older Cosby fans, Cosby undisputedly is "a venerated figure who stands for education and achievement and common

sense," says NPR television critic Eric Deggans, who has reported on the accusations. "But there's an entire generation for whom his projects are distant memories with distant impact. And in later years, he has gone around demanding that poor black people pull themselves up by their bootstraps, get their house in order."

Cosby's blunt call for personal responsibility has often stigmatized him in young

eyes not as America's dad but as America's cranky granddad "taking aim at youth culture," Deggans says.

It was this sort of attitude that may have prompted stand-up comedian Hannibal Buress to take aim at Cosby last month in Philadelphia where, during a performance, Buress mocked him, chiding the audience to "pull your pants up, black people, I was on TV in the '80s," and labeling Cosby "a rapist." (Buress has not responded to repeated requests from The Associated Press to discuss that performance.)

The sequence was captured on video and may have served as a major flashpoint. Barbara Bowman, who since 2006 has publicly accused Cosby of sexually assaulting her, gave Buress credit for bringing her long-voiced words new urgency in a Nov. 13 WashingtonPost.com column, whose headline asked, "Why did it take 30 years for people to believe my story?"

Accusations from Cosby's past may also have been rekindled by their very absence from a new book, "Cosby: His Life and Times," an affirmative biography that makes no mention of those allegations. Author Mark Whitaker did not respond to a request for comment.

The firestorm against Cosby has flared as he was enjoying a revival that began a year ago when a standup TV special—his first in three decades—aired on Comedy Central.

"There's a gap," Cosby told the AP a few days before its Nov. 23 premiere, "between people knowing what I do and really believing that I still do that—and wondering what it is I really do."

Titled "Far From Finished,"

the program seemed to bridge that gap, attracting a robust 2 million viewers on the youth-skewing network.

Two months later, NBC confirmed rumors that a new sitcom starring Cosby as the patriarch of a multigenerational comedy series was on the drawing board.

NBC hasn't commented on the status of that project in recent months. Meanwhile, Cosby's busy standup schedule (he has at least 35 performances scheduled throughout the U.S. and Canada through May of 2015) so far seems untouched by the rising controversy.

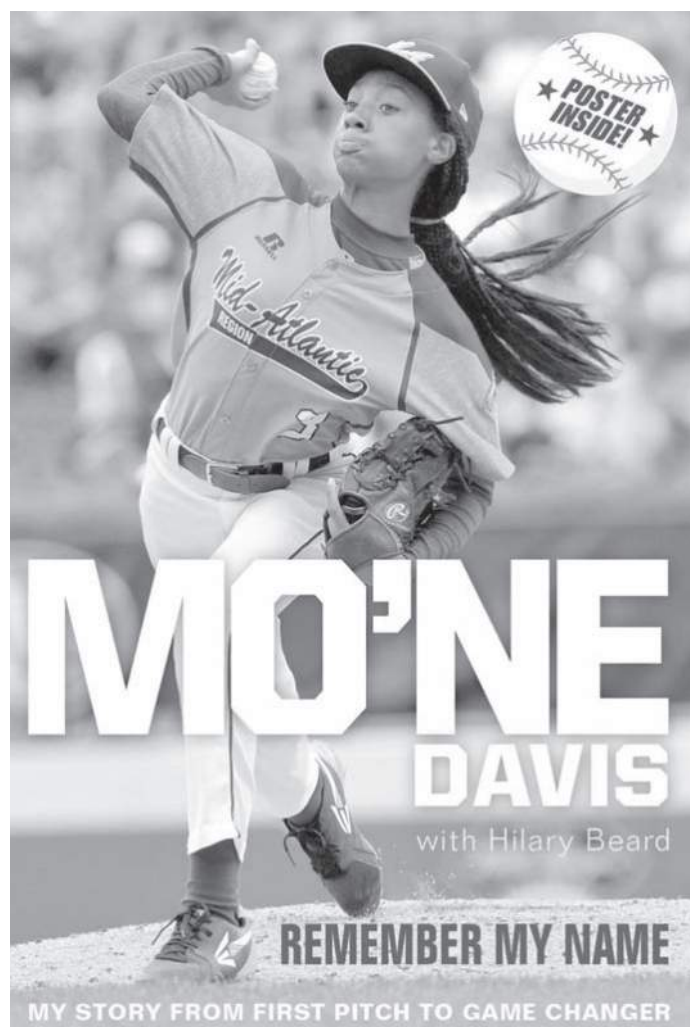
But Cosby has dropped out of interviews planned to promote his upcoming Netflix standup special. (Netflix on Monday declined to comment on whether plans have changed for its Nov. 27 premiere.) He canceled an interview scheduled for Tuesday with the AP, and last week confirmed that he would not be making a scheduled appearance on Wednesday's "Late Show with David Letterman."

Attempting to ride out the storm may not work. But what's the alternative?

As Dezenhall points out, gone are the days before social media when a public figure in a jam could sit down with Oprah Winfrey or Barbara Walters for a tell-all TV interview where he bared his soul and gained forgiveness from the masses.

"In the current culture, no matter what you do to defend yourself in one of these high-profile media vortexes, it generates multiple waves of new and negative coverage. Cosby has got to be thinking, 'Is the better of my very bad options to remain silent?'"

Mo'ne Davis memoir coming next March



NEW YORK (AP)—A memoir when you're still a teenager may seem premature, but not for Mo'ne Davis, the first female pitcher to win a Little League World Series game.

"Mo'ne Davis: Remember My Name" will be released next March by HarperCollins Children's Books, the publisher told The Associated Press on Monday.

The honor roll student from Philadelphia became a sensation last summer after leading the Taney Dragons to a 4-0 victory over Nashville, when she was just 13.

Known for her long braids and uncommon poise, she has since appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated, thrown out the first pitch at a major league World Series game and starred in a car commercial directed by Spike Lee. In September, she donated her jersey to the baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

"When I joined an all-boys baseball team, my mom wasn't too happy," Mo'ne said in a statement issued Monday through HarperCollins. "I proved to her (and to me) that I could do anything I set

my mind to. I'm just a girl that likes to play sports, and I'm excited to share my story with everyone," she said. "I hope it encourages people to take a chance and play the sports they want to play and not just the ones people expect them to play."

Later this month, she and her fellow Taney Dragons will help kick off the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Financial terms for the book deal were not disclosed. The idea started with a vice president and publishing director at HarperCollins, Emily Brenner, who worked out details with Davis' coach, Steve Bandura; and her family.

Author Hilary Beard, whose previous collaborations include "Promises Kept: Raising Black Boys to Succeed in School and in Life," will assist Davis and has already begun interviewing her.

The experience has been "pretty fun," Davis told the AP during a brief telephone interview, but there is a downside.

"If I want to do homework early I can't because I've got to meet with Hilary," she said.

AP
This undated photo provided by publisher Harper Collins shows the cover of the book "Mo'ne Davis: Remember My Name."

Cumberbatch 'bowled over' by engagement reaction

NEW YORK (AP)—Benedict Cumberbatch fans might be weeping on the inside over the “Sherlock” star’s engagement—but he’s seeing nothing but their love, he says.

“It’s a crazy old love bomb to drop and the amount of love that comes back to you, that was the thing that (fiancee Sophie Hunter and I) are both just sort of bowled over by. It’s wonderful.”

Cumberbatch and Hunter announced their engagement by posting an eight-line notice on the births, deaths and marriages page of The Times newspaper in London on Nov. 5.

The 38-year old actor says he and Hunter liked the old-school approach and says even if he wasn’t famous he would have been “equally happy to announce my marriage to the most incredible woman I’ve ever met” in the same way. “It was controlling it and letting the world know but in a quiet and sort of sober and traditional manner.”

The pair met while appearing together in the 2009 thriller “Burlesque Fairytale.”

Cumberbatch spoke at a special screening for “Penguins of Mada-



Benedict Cumberbatch arrives at the Hollywood Film Awards at the Palladium on Friday, Nov. 14, 2014, in Los Angeles.

gascar” on Sunday night, in which he voices the character of a super spy wolf, opening in theaters Nov. 26. He

also stars in “The Imitation Game,” about code-breaking genius Alan Turing, which opens on Nov. 28.

New ‘Today’ show executive is out after brief tenure

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An ESPN executive brought to NBC to take charge of the “Today” show is exiting after less than three months.

According to a staff memo Monday from NBC News President Deborah Turness, she and Jamie Horowitz decided that, in her words, it “was not the right fit.”

Horowitz started in September as senior vice president and general manager of “Today.” It was once the network morning show leader but has fallen behind ABC’s “Good Morning America.”

In her memo to staff, Turness says Horowitz would be replaced in “due course” and she will help oversee the show in the meantime.

NBC News declined to comment on Horowitz’s departure.

Horowitz was president of original programming and production at ESPN. His TV career started with an entry-level position on NBC’s Olympics team.

Wendy Williams ‘proud’ of ‘Aaliyah’ TV movie

NEW YORK (AP)—Though the Lifetime movie “Aaliyah: The Princess of R&B” drew criticism from fans upset with casting and the way it depicts Aaliyah’s life, executive producer Wendy Williams says she wouldn’t do anything differently if she had it to do again.

Aaliyah fans took to Twitter, criticizing everything from the movie’s casting to how it portrayed the singer, who died in a 2001 plane crash at age 22. Even music producer Timbaland, who worked closely with the late singer, took to Twitter and Instagram, posting messages like “Hope y’all not watching this!!!!!!”

In an interview Monday, Williams said that “as a black woman I was proud to show that Aaliyah came from a two-parent family, which many of us don’t.” She also says the film “painted R. Kelly, (who married Aaliyah when she was 15), in a more tasteful light than perhaps others would, and I think it was extremely tasteful not to show her going down in a fiery wreck.”

The problem, she says, is that Aaliyah remains loved by many.

“I think when you do a movie about people’s favorite, whoever that favorite is, people are always going to have some criticism. You really can’t win for losing kind of sort of.”

The film was plagued from problems from the start. Aaliyah’s parents, unhappy with the project, didn’t grant the network rights to her music so none of her songs were included. Alexandra Shipp signed on to star in the biopic after Zendaya Coleman backed out last June.

Williams points out that actress Angela Bassett, who is directing a Lifetime movie on Whitney Houston has also faced similar criticism for her project.

Williams, who hosts the syndicated “The Wendy Williams Show,” is not letting the controversy slow her down: She just completed four stand-up comedy shows—her first, she plays a pastor in the Lifetime Christmas movie “Santa Con” due out Dec. 13 and she hosted this year’s Soul Train Awards in Las Vegas earlier this month that will air on BET Nov. 30.

‘Dance’ renewed with changes

NEW YORK (AP)—Fox has renewed “So You Think You Can Dance” for a 12th season.

For the upcoming season, dancers who advance from auditions will be divided into two teams: stage dancers who are trained in styles like jazz, tap or ballet and street dancers who have mastered hip-hop, break dancing or animation. One dancer from each genre will be sent home each week leading up to the finale.

“So You Think You Can Dance” returns for its 12th season next summer.

Nigel Lythgoe, co-creator, executive producer and judge of the dance competition show, said in a recent interview that contestants who are great dancers but aren’t professionally trained sometimes become overwhelmed early in the competition.

“What we thought was why don’t we give them an opportunity of getting through and then they’ve got the opportunity to train a little bit ... to relax a

little bit, and then once we get to the top 20, that’s when we hit them with, ‘OK, now you’ve got to do all the different styles’ ... where the stage kids are given hip-hop to do and the hip-hop kids are given stage dance to do.”

He said the division is interesting because there has been “arrogance” on the show between trained and street dancers. But “that quickly dissipated once they saw what the other could do” and they soon swapped ideas. “Dancers, above anyone I’ve ever worked with, are comrades-in-arms,” he said.

Lythgoe, who has worked as a performer and a choreographer, said he’s always appreciated street dancing.

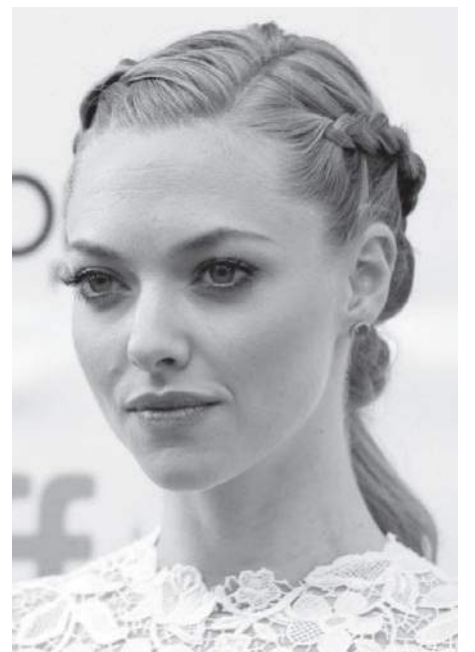
“It was throwing the book out, it was doing what felt natural to the music, and it was very dangerous and daring and continues to be. That was the one big thing for me in creating ‘So You Think You Can Dance’ is that I could let other people appreciate street” dancing.

Melanie Griffith, Amanda Seyfried frantic onstage

NEW YORK (AP)—Some two dozen celebrities—including Melanie Griffith, Amanda Seyfried, Peter Dinklage and Pablo Schreiber—have thrown themselves onstage with little rehearsal and little sleep—and survived.

They appeared Monday in the 14th annual benefit “The 24 Hour Plays on Broadway,” which asked the actors and several writers and directors to come up with six original short plays over the course of a day. Proceeds help the Urban Arts Partnership.

The other stars who have agreed to participate include Justin Bartha, Leslie Bibb, Katrina Bowden, Mark Consuelos, Laverne Cox, Rachel Dratch, Michael Ealy, Ray Fisher, Taran Killam, Justin Long, Stephen Merchant, Adrienne Moore, Diane Neal, Rosie Perez, Jay Pharoah, Leven Rambin, Sam Rockwell, Sebastian Stan, Cecily Strong and Tracie Thoms.



In this Sept. 6, 2014 file photo, actress Amanda Seyfried poses for photographs on the red carpet for the new movie “While We’re Young” during the 2014 Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto.

Mom wonders how to deal with children’s sexual play

DEAR ABBY: Last weekend some family members were at my mom’s house for a meal. My 6-year-old son and my cousin’s 4-year-old daughter were playing in the room my mom had set up for the grandkids.

When I went to check on them, I noticed the bathroom door was closed, so I knocked. My son answered, sounding rather panicked. I asked if “Jenny” was in there with him. He said no, then opened the door, but he looked scared, as if he knew he had done something wrong, and glanced nervously at the closed shower curtain.

Sure enough, there was Jenny, standing in the tub with her bathing suit around her ankles trying to get it back on. I told her to put her clothes on and took my son outside to speak with him. “Rory” admitted they were showing each other their private parts and had touched and rubbed them. I asked him why and where he learned how to do that, and he implied it was his idea!

Abby, he has never seen any adult movies, magazines, love scenes, or caught me or anyone else in the act. Why on earth would this be on his mind at such a young age? Do you think he needs counseling?

WORRIED MOM IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WORRIED MOM: No. Playing doctor is a game children have played ever since curiosity was born. I think you need to talk to your child’s pediatrician and ask if this behavior is normal at this age.

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DEAR ABBY: I have had very few female friends in my life. I

have a hard time relating to other women. My fiance doesn’t approve of me having close friendships with other men.

I recently met a lesbian couple whose company I enjoy. My fiance doesn’t like us being friends because “they are trying to turn me gay.” Abby, this is ridiculous. I have never been attracted to women, and these ladies have never brought up the possibility that I may be lesbian, as they know I am straight.

How can I make my fiance come to terms with our friendship? I’m thinking of calling off the engagement.

STRAIGHT GIRL IN THE SOUTH

DEAR STRAIGHT GIRL: Has it become clear to you yet how insecure and controlling your fiance appears to be? Straight people are not “turned gay” because they have lesbian or gay friends. You can talk to him until the cows come home, but unless he is willing/able to overcome his bias, he won’t believe you.

This is my long-winded way of advising you to find a more open-minded, secure man to marry because it doesn’t take a crystal ball to predict that the one you’re engaged to will eventually make you feel isolated, trapped and unhappy.

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DEAR ABBY: Regarding the gent from Texas who likes to wear blue nail polish, there exists a famous fresco dating from 1500 B.C. or earlier from the palace of Knossos. The fresco was dubbed “The Prince” by British archaeologists and depicts a long-haired male stripped to the waist wearing blue fingernail polish and blue toenail

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polish. The original now resides in the Heraklion Archeological Museum in Knossos on the island of Crete. Any good art history book will have a reproduction of this well-known work of art.

RON F. IN RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR RON: Thanks for the heads up, and for confirming that fashion trends are cyclical. Sooner or later, what seems passe today is certain to come around again.

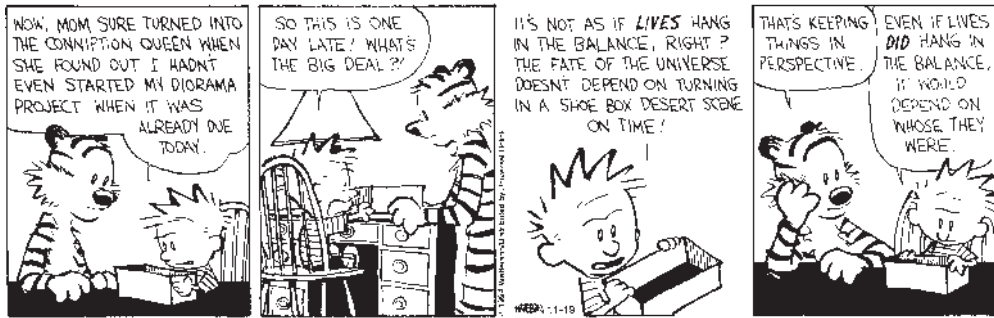
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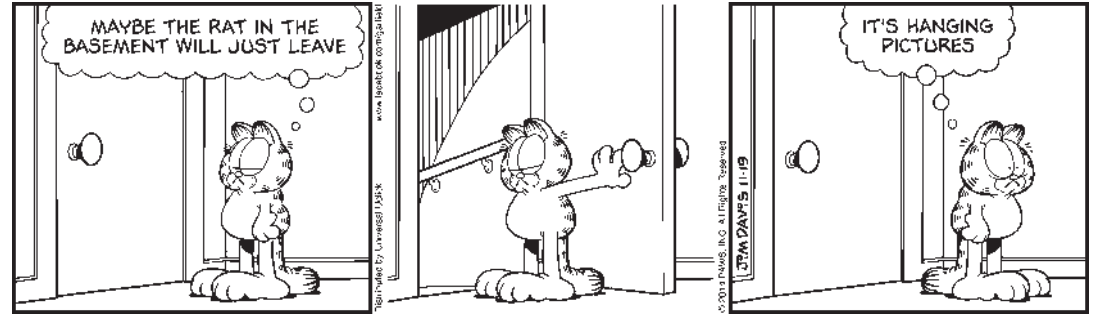
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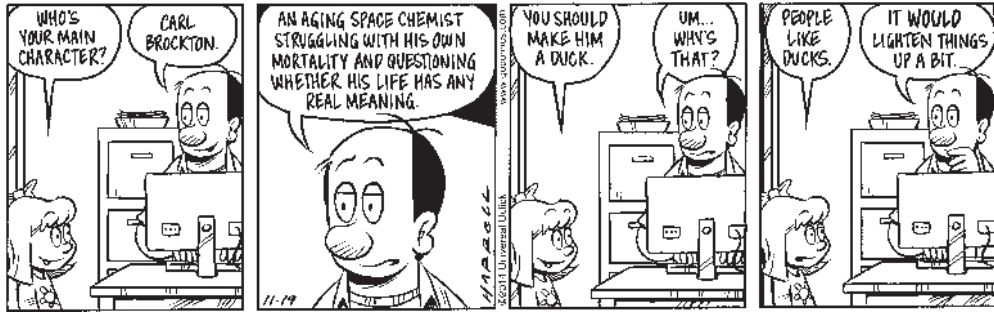
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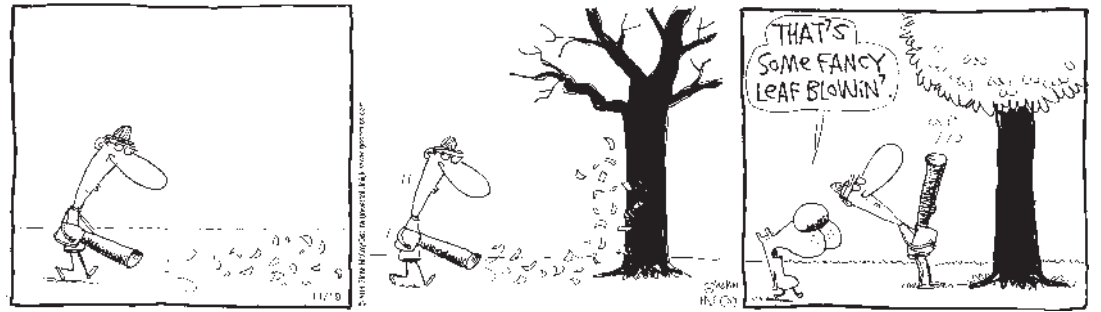
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By Bryan Basset



The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's answer 11-19

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jodie Foster, 52; Meg Ryan, 53; Allison Janney, 55; Ann Curry, 58.

Happy Birthday: Feeling obligated to do favors for others before you take care of your own needs will leave you feeling dissatisfied. Make suggestions, but don't take over responsibilities that don't belong to you. Stick close to home and take pride in doing the things that will improve your life. Don't feel guilty—it's okay to put yourself first. Your numbers are 3, 11, 22, 24, 31, 44, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Tension will skyrocket over a financial or legal matter. Letting your temper get the better of you won't help, but making personal changes will help you get things back in control and redeem your standing. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do whatever you can to help others. Be a participant, and you will draw interesting people into your circle. A partnership will enable you to achieve twice as much in half the time. Be cautious while traveling or dealing with institutions. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let a poor relationship curb your appeal or your ability to get things done. Concentrate on work and re-evaluate the people, organizations and friendships interwoven in your life. It's time to make adjustments. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stop stewing and start doing. Make choices so others don't feel the need to do so for you. If you feel uncertain, ask for help. Don't sit by, ex-

pecting things to fall into place. Don't let change daunt you. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take care of the domestic situations that are worrying you. Nurture the ones you love and listen to complaints and suggestions attentively. Expand your interests, and you will encourage others to join you. Love is on the rise. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Talks will help you settle a pending matter. Joining a social group will enable you to see the possibilities that exist. A relationship or health problem could be affected by faulty information. Get a second opinion. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are overdue for a change, but don't let anyone put demands on you. Whatever you decide must be for your own benefit. If you are honest about how you feel and what you want, you won't feel guilty. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Follow through with your plans, but don't do so in a gregarious manner. Keeping your moves a secret will help you avoid interference. Insecurity will plague a relationship with someone special. Avoid being jealous or possessive. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep an open mind and refrain from going into combat with someone who is in an authoritative position. The information you offer is best presented in detail and without exaggeration. Don't let emotional matters squelch your happiness. Move on. ★★★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get your work out of the way so you can enjoy your free time. Tinkering with odd jobs will ease your mind and make you feel good about your accomplishments. Sometimes it's the little jobs that cause the most stress. Reward yourself. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen carefully and stick to the rules. Stay well-informed and you will be able to make changes that can raise your income. Pursue something you find innovative. Romance should highlight your evening and will improve your personal relationships. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Check out what others are offering. What you learn through observation will help you secure your position and attain future advancement. Don't allow a personal matter to hinder your chances of voicing your opinion or presenting your top performance. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive and kind. You are quick, passionate and impulsive.

Eugenia's website—eugenialast.com, Eugenia's android app @ <http://bit.ly/exhoro> and join Eugenia on [twitter/facebook/linkedin](https://twitter.com/eugenialast).

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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Solution: 7 letters

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Marlins give Stanton record \$325M deal

MIAMI (AP)—The Marlins are no longer pinching pennies, and Giancarlo Stanton won't be, either.

Stanton agreed to terms with the team Monday on a \$325 million, 13-year contract, Miami owner Jeffrey Loria said. It's the most lucrative deal for an American athlete and averages \$25 million per season, or \$154,321 per game.

The deal includes a no-trade clause, and Stanton can opt out after six years, Loria said. A news conference was planned Wednesday.

"It's a landmark moment for the franchise and Giancarlo, and it's for the city and fans to rally around," Loria said.

Any kind of multiyear deal is a big departure for the Marlins and Loria, whose frugal ways in the past alienated fans, angered the players' union and made the franchise the butt of jokes.

Given such thriftiness, the Marlins' generosity toward Stanton becomes even more stunning. His contract tops the \$292 million, 10-year deal Miguel Cabrera agreed to with the Detroit Tigers in March. Alex Rodriguez signed the largest previous deal, a \$275 million, 10-year contract with the Yankees before the 2008 season.

Stanton, who turned 25 on Nov. 8, is perhaps the game's most feared slugger. He has 154 career homers despite playing home games in spacious Marlins Park.

"Giancarlo Stanton has come of age, and he's going to be here a long time," Loria said in a phone interview. "It's wonderful to have a young man this caliber, integrity and ability, and I'm very happy."

The Marlins right fielder and centerpiece wasn't due to become eligible for free agency until after the 2016 season, and signing him to a long-term deal was considered a long shot. The Marlins haven't reached the playoffs since 2003, and he was distrustful of



In this Aug. 25, 2014, file photo, Miami Marlins' Giancarlo Stanton celebrates his home run against the Los Angeles Angels during the fourth inning of a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif. A person familiar with the negotiations says Marlins slugger Giancarlo Stanton has agreed to terms with the team on a \$325 million, 13-year contract. It's the most lucrative deal for an American athlete.

the franchise's direction.

Miami's 2014 payroll of \$52.3 million was the lowest in the majors. The last time they spent big was before the 2012 season, the first in their new ballpark. Then came a disastrous season and another salary purge, intensifying fan animosity toward Loria.

That sell-off and subsequent roster rebuilding set the stage for the Stanton deal, Loria said.

"Unfortunately people didn't understand that two years ago, we had no choice," the owner said. "I had to get to today."

Loria said he doesn't expect Stanton to opt out when he's 31, and sees a positive side to the no-trade clause.

"There will be no distraction about, 'Will he be traded?'" Loria said.

Stanton's 2014 season ended Sept. 11 when he was hit in the face by a pitch and suffered fractures in his face and other injuries. Despite missing the final 17 games, he led the NL with 37 homers and a .555 slugging percentage for the Marlins, who went 77-85 but ended a three-year streak of last-place finishes in the NL East.

The Marlins have said they're not concerned the injuries will have lingering effects. They made locking up Stanton their top off-season priority and overcame his skepticism about their efforts to fielding a winning team.

The Marlins believe they're poised to contend next year with a young roster than includes right-handers Jose Fernandez and Henderson Alvarez, Gold Glove left fielder Christian

Yelich, center fielder Marcell Ozuna and shortstop Adeiny Hechavarria.

Other deals that will upgrade the roster are planned, Loria said.

"We probably need another bat and could use another starting pitcher," Loria said. "We're going to work on it."

Stanton made a team-high \$6.5 million in 2014. The two-time All-Star right fielder recently won the NL Hank Aaron Award and was voted the NL's outstanding player in balloting by his fellow major leaguers. He won a Silver Slugger Award and finished second to Clayton Kershaw in NL MVP voting.

Stanton likes to travel in the offseason and spend time in his native California. But he attended the Miami Hurricanes' home football game Saturday against Florida State, and now he'll be staying in town for a new conference.

SIDEBAR

Heyward to Cards; Braves get Miller in 4-man deal

ATLANTA (AP)—Jason Heyward stirred up enormous expectations when he joined the Atlanta Braves at age 20. He homered in his first big league at-bat. He was voted to the All-Star Game as a rookie. He was hailed as the future of the game by Hank Aaron.

Heyward never quite lived up to the hype, and now he's heading to a team looking to bounce back from tragedy.

Concerned that Heyward would leave as a free agent after next season and rebuilding with an eye toward their new stadium, the Braves dealt their right fielder and reliever Jordan Walden to the St. Louis Cardinals on Monday for promising pitcher Shelby Miller and a minor-leaguer.

"It's very difficult to trade Jason Heyward," said John Hart, the Braves' new general manager. "But the deal was made to help us not only in the short term but the long term."

The NL Central champion Cardinals felt compelled to pursue Heyward after top prospect Oscar Taveras was killed in a car crash last month in the Dominican Republic. The team hopes to sign Heyward to a long-term extension but didn't want to go into next season without adding to the offense.

"The reality is we have to move on," St. Louis general manager John Mozeliak said.

Heyward said he was not surprised by the trade, especially since there were never any serious talks on a new deal with the Braves. He is due to make \$7.8 million in the final season of a two-year contract.

"This is a business," said the 25-year-old Heyward, who grew up in the Atlanta area and was one of the team's most popular players. "I was definitely open to long term, but that conversation never took place."

The deal signals a long-term strategy for rebuilding the roster by the time the Braves move into their new suburban ballpark in 2017.

By trading Heyward and Walden, the team shed what could have been as much as \$10 million from next season's payroll while acquiring a 24-year-old pitcher who is not yet eligible for arbitration and can't become a free agent until after the 2018 season.

"We want to build something that's going to sustain," Hart said.

After his promising rookie year, Heyward was plagued by injuries and struggled to put up the sort of power numbers that the Braves expected. He's had only one season with at least 20 homers and 80 RBIs; this past year, he batted .271 with 11 homers, 58 RBIs and 20 stolen bases, though he did win his second Gold Glove.

Heyward frequently batted leadoff for the Braves, which the Cardinals believe hurt his power production.

After the Braves slumped to their first losing season since 2008, general manager Frank Wren was fired. Hart took over and is looking to build depth throughout the organization, with a focus on starting pitching.

Steelers rally to beat Titans, 27-24



NASHVILLE, Tenn.

(AP)—This time, the Pittsburgh Steelers beat their struggling opponent.

Ben Roethlisberger and Le'Veon Bell were an impressive duo in Music City on Monday night.

Roethlisberger threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Brown with 9:01 left, lifting the Steelers to a 27-24 victory over the Tennessee Titans.

Pittsburgh (7-4) staged an impressive rally in the second half to take sole possession of second in the successful AFC North heading into the bye. Bell ran for 204 yards - an NFL high for a single game this season - and a TD. William Gay returned an interception 28 yards for a score, and Shaun Suisham kicked two field goals.

"Not a perfect night but really a great night for us in that we were down by 11, and we had an opportunity to bounce back," Pittsburgh coach Mike Tomlin

said. "And I think anytime you can do that and gain victory you grow from it and grow from it in the right ways."

Bell had 33 carries in the best game by a Steelers running back since 2010.

"When 26 gets the ball in his hands you never know what's going to happen, and it's awesome," Roethlisberger said.

Roethlisberger had never beaten the Titans at LP Field, missing the Steelers' win here in 2010. With Bell running through and over the Titans, the Steelers took the pressure off Big Ben by holding the ball for 39 minutes, 49 seconds with a 386-312 edge in total offense.

"He got rolling, and we couldn't make a play and that's disappointing," Titans coach Ken Whisenhunt said. "That's the way it went. We tried a lot of different things to try to stop their run game."

The Titans (2-8) blew a 24-13 lead in their fourth consecutive loss. They sacked Roethlisberger five times and intercepted a pass in the end zone. Zach

Mettenberger threw for 263 yards and two touchdowns, and fellow rookie Bishop Sankey ran for another score.

But Tennessee's offense fizzled in the fourth quarter. When Pittsburgh got the ball back with 6:58 left, the Steelers didn't give it back and knelt out for the win.

"We feel very close," Mettenberger said. "We're not doing enough to win football games. That's the bottom line and the most important thing. But rookie running back, rookie left tackle, rookie quarterback, rookie middle linebacker. We're doing a lot of good things."

Mettenberger and the Titans got off to an awful start, and then erased a 10-0 deficit with an impressive flurry.

Suisham had a 49-yarder for the first score of the game, and Gay picked off Mettenberger on the Titans' first offensive play and returned it for the TD.

Roethlisberger had been intercepted only five times this season. But Jason McCourty picked off a pass intended

for Brown in the end zone with 44 seconds left in the first half.

The Titans called timeout, and then Mettenberger threw to a wide-open Nate Washington, who beat Gay with a stutter-step on his way to a career-best 80-yard touchdown reception. Washington, who won two Super Bowl rings in Pittsburgh, wagged his finger at the crowd once he got to the 25.

"That's unacceptable," Tomlin said. "We've got to be better than that."

Mettenberger added a 4-yard TD pass to Chase Coffman in the third quarter, capping an 11-play drive for a 24-13 lead.

The Steelers responded with Bell's 5-yard TD run on the first play of the fourth, and Roethlisberger's TD to Brown was enough for the win. Brown had nine receptions for 91 yards in another solid performance.

Two of Pittsburgh's losses this season have come against Tampa Bay and the Jets, teams with a combined four wins, and Tomlin is 1-8 all-time against teams with a winning percentage of .200 or worse.

Bulls strike Clippers to go 6-0 on the road



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Taj Gibson stole the ball from Jamal Crawford and passed to Jimmy Butler, who sank a 17-footer, got fouled and made the free throw with two-tenths of a second left in first half.

Just like that the Bulls had erased all but two of a 14-point deficit, and sent the Clippers into a tailspin they never recovered from.

Butler led six players in double figures with 22 points in a 105-89 win Monday night, helping Chicago improve to 6-0 on the road for the first time since 1996-97. And they did it without Derrick Rose and Pau Gasol.

With those two injured starters on the bench, the Bulls got contributions from nearly everyone else to remain the NBA's only undefeated road team while opening a season-long, seven-game trip.

"You tame 'em one at a time," coach Tom Thibodeau said. "In this league, when you start feeling good about yourself, that's usually when you get knocked down. So we've got to keep that edge."

Gibson had 20 points starting in place of Gasol, Mike Dunleavy Jr. added 19 points and Joakim Noah had 11 points and 16 rebounds.

"We just proved what we've proven time and again with this team—it's a pretty resilient group," Dunleavy said. "It doesn't matter who's out there for us. We're going to come out and compete and give it everything we've got."

The Bulls closed the second quarter with a 16-4 spurt to trail 50-48 at the half, highlighted by Gibson's steal and Butler's three-point play.

"O don't know how I was able to get a steal on him (Crawford) because his dribble is so good," Gibson said. "I'm just happy Jimmy was aware I was able to make the steal."

Butler was coming off a career-high 32-points in a loss to Indiana. He made 9 of 10 free throws, had eight assists and six rebounds.

"He's having an All-Star season," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said of Butler, a fellow Marquette alum.

Jamal Crawford led the Clippers with 24 points off the bench, and Blake Griffin added 19 points and 10 rebounds. DeAndre Jordan had 10 points and 17 rebounds. Griffin was just 5 of 10 from the free throw line, where the Clippers were 10 of 22.

"We tried to force things," Griffin said. "I don't think it was a selfish thing. We were just searching. We just didn't have it going and we pressed a little bit too hard."

The Bulls enjoyed a double-digit lead throughout the fourth that reached 18 points on a basket by Aaron Brooks. The Clip-



Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin, left, is thrown to the floor by Chicago Bulls guard Kirk Hinrich during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Nov. 17, 2014, in Los Angeles. Hinrich was charged with a foul on the play. The Bulls won, 105-89.

Heats 95, Nets 83

In New York, Mario Chalmers scored 22 points, Chris Bosh ended his shooting slump and added 15 points and nine rebounds, and Miami snapped a three-game losing streak by beating Brooklyn.

With Dwyane Wade out for a third straight game due to a strained left hamstring, Chalmers remained in the starting lineup for the second consecutive night and keyed the finishing spurt for the Heat. He converted a three-point play, added another free throw and then set up Bosh for a 3-pointer that turned a four-point lead into a 91-80 advantage with 1:23 left.

Bosh finished 5 for 11 after shooting 12 for 49 during the losing streak, including 2 for 17 in a loss to Milwaukee on Sunday.

Bojan Bogdanovic scored 22 points for the Nets, who were held to their lowest point total of the season and lost their fourth straight. Deron Williams added 14 but shot 4 of 13.

Suns 118, Celtics 114

In Boston, Markieff Morris scored a career-high 30 points and Eric Bledsoe had a key steal and breakaway dunk in the closing minute to lift Phoenix over Boston.

Goran Dragic had 22 points, Alex Len scored 19 with seven rebounds and Bledsoe finished with 15 points and seven assists for the Suns, who lost their previous two games.

Jeff Green led Boston with 28 points, and Jared Sullinger had 18 points with eight rebounds. Rajon Rondo fell one assist shy of a triple-double with 14 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists.

Tyler Zeller added 19 points and seven rebounds for the Celtics, who lost their third straight.

Bledsoe stole Avery Bradley's crosscourt pass and went in alone for a dunk, pushing the Suns ahead 116-114 with 29.5 seconds to play.

Magic 107, Pistons 93

In Auburn Hills, Tobias Harris scored 14 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter as Orlando pulled away late to beat Detroit.

Nikola Vucevic finished with 25 points and 14 rebounds for the Magic, who had all five starters in double figures.

The Pistons, playing their fifth game in seven nights, were led by Caron Butler, who had 20 points, and Brandon Jennings, who scored 18. But their front-court trio of Josh Smith, Andre Drummond and Greg Monroe combined for only 25 points on 10-of-28 shooting.

pers got within seven with four minutes to go, but the Bulls got consecutive 3-pointers from Dunleavy and they held Los Angeles to just one field goal in the final 3:32.

"We take a lot of pride in going on the road and getting wins because you have to defend and rebound to do that," Dunleavy said. "That's our calling card."

Rose missed his second straight game with a left hamstring injury. Gasol, who has a left calf strain, leads the team with six double-doubles and is averaging 18.6 points and 10.6 rebounds. It's their longest road trip since a 14-game, nine-day streak in 2011-12.

Gasol missed his first game back in Los Angeles since leaving the Lakers.

"It's definitely strange," he said about being back in the city where he was the subject of trade rumors the last few years. "I knew this was going to happen eventually, but I'm glad the first time is against the Clippers."

The Bulls return to play the Lakers on Jan. 29.

Nuggets 106, Cavaliers 97

In Cleveland, Ty Lawson scored 24 points, Arron Afflalo added 23 and the struggling Denver Nuggets ended Cleveland's four-game winning streak with a 106-97 victory over the Cavaliers on Monday night.

Denver took the lead for good early in the third quarter and was up by as many as 14 midway through the fourth.

LeBron James, who missed the morning shootaround because of a cold, led Cleveland

with 22 points.

The Nuggets limped into the game having lost seven of eight and were coming off Sunday's defeat at New York in which they made one field goal in the second quarter.

Denver looked like a different team Monday, placing five players in double figures. Leading 90-84, the Nuggets scored eight straight points and went ahead 98-84 on Lawson's layup with 6:01 to play.

Cleveland, which hit its first 11 3-pointers Saturday against Atlanta, failed to reach 100 points for the first time in six games.

Timofey Mozgov had 14 points and 11 rebounds for Denver.

Kevin Love, Kyrie Irving and Dion Waiters each scored 20 points for the Cavaliers.

Grizzlies 119, Rockets 93

In Memphis, Mike Conley scored 19 points and Memphis easily defeated Houston in a matchup of the teams with the NBA's two best records.

Whatever showdown was expected from two 9-1 teams and among the best defensive squads in the league never materialized as the Grizzlies took a 16-point lead in the first quarter and extended it in each of the remaining periods, until it reached 36 points in the fourth frame.

Seven players finished in double figures for Memphis, which won its fourth straight overall. Courtney Lee had 15 points, and Zach Randolph added 14.

Trevor Ariza led the Rockets with 16 points. Dwight Howard had 15 points and

nine rebounds.

James Harden scored only six points, going 1 of 8 from the field.

The Rockets, who entered allowing a league-low 89 points per game, had given up that many by the end of the third quarter.

Blazers 102, Pelicans 93

In Portland, Damian Lillard scored 24 points, including a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 1:14 left, and Portland rallied past New Orleans.

LaMarcus Aldridge, back after missing one game with an illness, had 22 points and nine rebounds to help the Trail Blazers win their fifth straight.

Anthony Davis had 31 points and 11 rebounds for the Pelicans, who couldn't hold a 16-point, third-quarter lead.

Wesley Matthews hit a 3 to tie it at 91, and Robin Lopez's layup gave Portland its first lead of the second half with 2:23 left. Lillard's 3-pointer put the Blazers in front 96-93, and they made free throws the rest of the way.

Spurs 100, 76ers 75

In San Antonio, Matt Bonner had 18 points and San Antonio's Big Three got some rest as the Spurs handed Philadelphia its 10th straight loss to open the season.

Tim Duncan had 16 points and nine rebounds, and Kawhi Leonard had five points and 11 rebounds in limited action. Cory Joseph added 14 points for the defending NBA champions, who never trailed.

Duncan played 16 minutes

and Tony Parker 18. Both sat out the entire fourth quarter after playing just 5 minutes in the third.

San Antonio won its 10th straight at home over Philadelphia and seventh overall against the 76ers.

Michael Carter-Williams had 16 points and four assists for the Sixers. Last season's NBA Rookie of the Year was playing in just his third game after missing the entire pre-season and the first seven games of the season with a right shoulder injury.

Philadelphia is losing by an average of 15.5 points this season.

Mavericks 107, Hornets 80

In Charlotte, Monta Ellis scored 18 points, Chandler Parsons had 17 and Dallas defeated Charlotte for its fourth straight victory.

Dirk Nowitzki had 13 points to become the fourth player in NBA history to eclipse 27,000 with one franchise, joining a prestigious group that includes current Hornets owner Michael Jordan, Karl Malone and Kobe Bryant.

The Mavericks came in leading the NBA in scoring, averaging more than 109 points. Charlotte offered little resistance as Dallas routinely scored on uncontested alley-oops, dunks, layups and 3-pointers.

Tyson Chandler was 7 of 7 from the field for 14 points, and Jameer Nelson had 11 points and eight assists for Dallas.

Gerald Henderson had 18 points for Charlotte (4-7). Al Jefferson was limited to six on 3-of-12 shooting.

Hustlers back on top, aim to make final push

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The Route33 Armatech Hustlers hope to make a final push for the Budweiser Open 8-Ball Thursday League crown when the tournament plays its final matches on Nov. 20 at various bars on the island.

The Hustlers are back on top of the standings after a 13-2 thrashing of the Barcode Breakers and thanks to a 9-6 loss by Smoke Pub against the Jokers

Homeboyz the former hold a precarious one-win lead over the Magic 8 Ball.

The Route33-backed squad has a 117-78 record and followed closely by Magic 8 Ball's 116-79 slate.

In other results, Wild Bill's defeated Jonny's Team SCS, 9-6, and National Alamo Car Rental escaped with an 8-7 triumph over the Titans. The Homeboyz (109-86), Wild Bill's (105-90), Titans (102-93), National Alamo (101-94), Breakers 67-128) and Team SCS (63-132) complete the standings.

The Hustlers and Magic 8 Ball

gun for important wins on Thursday when they take on the Titans and Wild Bill's, respectively. The Breakers close out their season against the Homeboyz, while Team SCS battle National Alamo in the other matches.

In the Tuesday league, which has two more weeks of competition, the Saipan TV Hustlers and the Jokers IT&E Voyagers, who cruised to an 11-5 win against Jonny's Crazy 8.

The Str8 Shooters trounced the Lancheras, 11-4, in the other

match. The Voyagers are in second place in the standings with a 123-72 mark, followed by the Jokers Str8Shooters (122-73), Crazy (98-97), Sang&D'Gang (81-114) and Lancheras (33-162).

over Sang&D'Gang gave them a 128-67 record and a five-win advantage over closest pursuer Voyagers, who cruised to an 11-5 win against Jonny's Crazy 8.

Guam official to introduce women's tackle football in NMI

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The president of the Bud Light Guam Women's Tackle Football League will be visiting Saipan this weekend to support their team's friendly match against the CNMI Sharks and at the same time promote the sport to female players.

BLGWTF president Linda Salas will be arriving on island along with the Guam delegation on Friday morning and she is expected to meet with Commonwealth Football League Association head John Blanco. The CNMI-Guam friendly match will be held on Saturday at 1:30pm at the CPA Airport Field.

Salas said she will discuss will Blanco how to start a women's tackle football league on Saipan.

In an email to *Saipan Tribune*, Salas said she's encourag-

ing female players interested in tackle football to watch Saturday's game.

"I will be on Saipan to promote our league and hopefully connect with a coach to start women's tackle football with a small team," said Salas. "John will definitely be my point person with this venture."

She added that once the CNMI has put up a team or organized a league, Guam squads could come to Saipan and play friendly matches.

Besides Salas, other BLGWTF officials are Paul Blas (vice president), Monica Sarusal (secretary), Marge Leon Guerrero (treasurer), Fred Tupaz (commissioner) and Frank Salas (disciplinary chair), while Angel Calugay will be coaching Team Guam, which scored a 20-0 win over the Sharks on May 4 last year, in this weekend's friendly match.



Ayuda Network and the CNMI Salvation Army were named as additional beneficiaries of the 2014 Hyatt Regency Saipan Charity Golf Classic set this Saturday at Coral Ocean Point.

COP, which offers an unobstructed view of the Pacific Ocean, is newly refurbished and also has new golf carts.

Delta Airlines, Pacific Insurance Underwriters Inc. and Triple J Motors are some of the major sponsors of the annual charity golf tournament.

Delta sales account executive Chris Concepcion presented Hyatt Golf Classic organizers with a package donation of two round trip economy class tickets to Japan worth \$2,244

Concepcion said Delta is always pleased to support the annual golf tournament fundraiser this year.

"We are proud to partner with them in their efforts to help various charitable organizations in the CNMI and we encourage the community to partake in this exciting tournament. Our donation will hopefully entice golfers to participate in this praiseworthy event," said Concepcion.

Hyatt general manager Nick

K. Nishikawa thanked Delta for the valuable partnership.

"Through this joint effort, we surely create an impact toward a community that thrives," added Nishikawa.

Pacific Insurance, which already donated \$1,000 cash, added a \$5,000 hole-in-one prize sponsor donation, making them a Platinum sponsor in the golf fundraiser.

Pacific's donation aims to assist in community development and help this year's charity recipients.

Nishikawa said Hyatt is thankful for Pacific's valued support in helping the community.

"We are happy to continue the community partnership as we successfully support and touch lives," Nishikawa said.

Triple J Motors donated a brand new car as one of the hole-in-one prizes.

Make-A-Wish Foundation is the main recipient of proceeds from the annual golf fundraiser. Last year, \$23,000 was raised and donated to fulfill the wishes

of children with life-threatening illnesses.

Tournament format will be the same as last year. The lowest individual scores will count for prizes to be awarded for the champion, first runner-up, and second runner up in the A, B, C, Seniors and Ladies Double Peoria flight categories.

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From left, Pacifica Insurance's Shirley Sablan, Hyatt's Rosalyn Quintannila and Tyrell Pauling and other staff of Hyatt and Pacifica Insurance pose for a photo during the donation turnover ceremony.

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ley's to an 87-79, with 1:43 left in the game.

MBI/Anchor's lone field goal in that collapse came from an Art Trajano putback at the 2:39 mark of the fourth canto, while the other field goal was courtesy of Angelo Fernando's triple with 19.9 seconds remaining on the clock and Shirley's already celebrating at the sidelines. Fernando also scored MBI/Anchor's lone free throw in that drought and had a miserable second half after sizzling for 14 points in the first 20 minutes of play. Fernando, who towed MBI/Anchor to the Game 2 win

with his 28 points, made only two field goals in the entire second half, was held to three free throws in the third, and missed a couple of charities in the fourth.

Fernando's sparring partner, Ivan Devero, also struggled in the playoff period, failing to score a single basket in the pivotal canto after finishing the third with a buzzer-beating basket off Pete Lizama's touchdown pass. Devero's shot brought control of the game back to MBI/Anchor, 70-65, after Shirley's momentarily stole the lead, 65-64.

With Devero and Fernando out of sync in the fourth period, Capad tried to step but had little success, as he made only

one triple in that frame. He kept on shooting from downtown in the last two minutes, but went 0-for-3 with his last attempt hitting the side of the board. Capalad got the offensive rebound, but ran out of space at the baseline, returning possession to Shirley's and that was it for MBI/Anchor as he hugged Duenas before the inbound play with the event-

al champion enjoying a 89-80 advantage, 38.2 ticks to go in the match.

Pagarao top-scored for Shirley's with his 26, a big hike from his 10 markers in the Game 2 loss, while Duenas added 22. Elmer Esdrelon and Rabasto also finished in twin digits with 16 and 10, respectively. Vince Manibusan had only 4 points, but his several

offensive rebounds in the fourth quarter gave Shirley's multiple chances to score. Rommel Usi and Joseph Aguilar completed Shirley's box score, as they combined for 5.

Capalad led MBI/Anchor with his 20 points, while Fernando and Devero still had double figures with 18 and 17, respectively. Pete Lizama, who had 15 in Game 2, was held to 7

in the deciding match.

Shirley's 91 – Pagarao 26, Duenas 22, Esdrelon 16, Rabasto 10, Manibusan 4, Usi 3, Aguilar 2.

MBI/Anchor 83 – Capalad 20, Fernando 18, Devero 17, Lizama 7, Viola 4, Zapanta 4, Trajano 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-21, 45-46, 65-70, 91-83.

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ter turnaround. Jasper Yap, Karlo De Leon, and Wilfredo Francisco were the other scorers for the Ol'Aces in the fourth canto, while only three players made it to the board for Dream Team. Richard Ada hit a triple, Shane Deleon Guerrero tallied 2 points, and Dino Palacios added one free throw.

Mendoza paced the Ol'Aces with his 18 points, while Borja and De Leon chipped in 12. Jason Palacios led Dream Team with his 15 markers before turning cold in the fourth canto. Deleon Guerrero contributed 13, while Ada and Dixon Kwon logged 11 and 10, respectively.

Dream Team ran out of offensive options in the fourth quarter after dominating the second and third periods, as it suited up for the match with only six players. Dream Team finished the regular season with a 2-5 record and will be ranked fifth in the playoffs.

The Ol'Aces are the top seeds in the eight-team field, followed by the Sonics (6-1), Kagman Sparks (5-2), G-Rollers (3-4), Dream Team (2-5), Runnin' Rebels (2-5), KFC (2-5), and Laly 4 (1-6).

The Sonics placed second in the team standings after winning their final game in the regular season against the Runnin' Rebels, 70-56, last Monday night.

The Sonics, who ended the regular season with a six-

game winning run after losing their debut against the Ol'Aces, started slow before completely dominating the Runnin' Rebels in the second half.

A balanced scoring in the third period allowed the Sonics to produce their biggest output (26) and turn their 30-28 cushion to a 56-43 advantage, entering the final canto.

Emerson Fera paced the Sonics with his 11 points, while Erick Dela Rosa added 10. Six other Sonics players scored at least 4 points apiece, while Djay Ong had 19 to lead the Runnin' Rebels.

Meanwhile, BANMI officials and representatives of each team will meet on Dec. 2 to decide the playoff format.

THURSDAY

Ol'Aces 73 – Mendoza 18, Borja 12, De Leon 12, Francisco 8, Yap 8, Olopai 7, Darag 5, Sanchez 3.

Dream Team 60 – J. Palacios 15, Deleon Guerrero 13, Ada 11, Kwon 10, D. Palacios 6, Kautz 5.

Scoring by quarters: 16-15, 36-41, 51-54, 73-60.

MONDAY

Sonics 70 – Fera 11, Dela Rosa 10, Fidelino 7, De Guzman 6, Flores 6, Aranda 6, Alegre 4, Javier 4, J.P. Villanueva 2, Espinosa 2.

Runnin' Rebels 56 – Ong 19, Borja 9, Nakashima 9, Abobo 4, Ermitanio 4, Anderson 4, Kabiriel 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-14, 30-28, 56-43, 70-56.

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267, 205 for the 1,217 total, followed by Zapanta (33rd, 1,108), Dimaano (35th, 1,087) and Talavera (38th, 1,083). The pair of Manacop and Zapanta placed 14th overall in the men's doubles (2,326), while Dimaano and Talavera came in at 22nd (2,094).

The CNMI's four-man team dropped from sixth to eighth

Art of War 9: Grappling, Submission and Jiu-Jitsu Challenge

PHOTOS BY JON PEREZ

Trench Tech's Jordan Manglona, right, is a double-gold medalist after beating Tinian's Paul Ayuyu in the bantamweight and featherweight division finals.



Roman "Boom" Alvarez, center, leads a Trench Tech sweep in the lightweight class with Jasper Van Der Maas, left, and "Bad" Brad Palacios settling for the silver and bronze, respectively.



Flyweight division gold medalist Lorenzo Attao of Gracie Barra, center, joins runner-up Jadrien Camacho, left, of MCA MMA and bronze medal winner Denny Jopen of Zalaka for a group photo.



Some of the participants in the Art of War 9: Grappling, Submission and Jiu-Jitsu Challenge pose for a group photo last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.



Lorenzo Attao, from left, Shane Alvarez, Roman Alvarez, Adam Harris and Vince Masga are the competitors in the open weight gi event. Roman Alvarez won the gold after beating Harris in the finals.



Roman Alvarez, center, adds the welterweight division gold to his collection after beating cousin Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez, left, in the finals. Gracie Barra's Kimo Lizama came in third.



Adam Harris, center, and Jasper Van Der Maas gives Trench Tech a 1-2 finish in the middleweight division. Strike Force's Kier Agda settled for the bronze.



Adam Harris, center, gets his second gold medal after topping the heavyweight division. Strike Force's Kier Agda, right, and Trench Tech's Slade "The Rage" Adelbai finished second and third.



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Shirley's takes JP World caging crown

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Shirley's finally ended its finals misfortunes after clinching the championship in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League, following its 91-83 victory over Micronesian Brothers, Inc. in the deciding Game 3 of their title series last Monday night at the Gillette Multi-purpose Gymnasium.

Shirley's, which had runner-up finishes in the inter-hotel and Tan Holdings leagues this year, came back from an 8-point



deficit in the fourth quarter to take its first championship trophy this season. MBI/Anchor, on the other hand, failed to complete the series comeback after forcing the do-or-die Game 3 with a 93-89 win in Game 2, as it was held to 6 points and two field goals in the last eight minutes and change of the rubber.

MBI/Anchor was still in control of the match, 77-69, with 8:24 left on the clock before Shirley's made the rally. The Shirley's fightback started with Sean Rabasto intercepting Andy Viola's inbound pass to Pete Lizama and going strong to the basket to bring the lead down to two possessions.

Shirley's went on to outgun MBI in the more than eight-minute stretch, 18-2, as Lerio Pagarao's open court showmanship finally did wonders for the eventual champion. He drilled 8 points in that run with his two straight coast-to-coast layups giving Shirley's a 4-point cushion, 81-77, after Matt Duenas' split charity forced only the fifth deadlock in the game. Duenas also nailed back-to-back baskets in that scoring spree, which Rabasto capped with another steal and a layup, lifting Shir-

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Shirley's Coffee Shop's Matt Duenas drives against MBI/Anchor's Art Trajano, right, and Angelo Fernando during the second quarter of Game 3 of their title series in the JP World caging last Monday night at the Gillette Multi-purpose Gymnasium.



Ol'Aces complete regular season sweep

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The San Jose Ol'Aces finished the regular season of the 2014 BANMI Youth League undefeated, following their 73-60 victory over Dream Team in their U21 division game last Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Ol'Aces earned a 7-0 sweep after pulling off a come-from-behind win. They were behind after the third period, 51-54, but battled back after scoring 22



points—the team's biggest output in a quarter—and holding Dream Team to 6 points and two field goals in the fourth quarter.

Kobee Mendoza and Ignacio Borja combined for 12 points to lead the Ol'Aces in the fourth-quarter.

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The Ol'Aces' Wilfredo Francisco pulls up for a running jumper against the Kagman Sparks' Allen Yu during an earlier U21 game in the BANMI youth caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Simon, Diana NMI's top bowlers in Asian Inter-City

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Simon Manacop and Diana Camacho emerged as the CNMI's top male and female bowlers in the recently concluded 28th Asian Intercity Bowling Championships held at the E-Lanes Bowling Center in San Juan City, Philippines.

San Juan City organizers looked unprepared to handle the annual bowling event as it took a week before the final results were released. No daily updates were also available at the AIBC website or the event's Facebook page.

Manacop finished 13th over-

all out of 64 bowlers in the men's All Events with a total of 3,753 pinfalls behind his 1,217 in the singles, 1,231 in the doubles, and 1,305 in the team events. He was 398 pins behind the 4,151—1,465 singles, 1,354 doubles and 1,332 team event—of overall champion Tyrone Ongpaucio of host San Juan City. Hong Kong's Lau Kwon Ho (4,092) and Im Gyeol-Ui of Daegu, South Korea (4,070) finished second and third in the men's All Events.

Manacop's performance earned him a spot in the Master's event as the Top 16 bowlers moved on in the finals. He,



Camacho

however, lost in the first round to Daegu's Choi Suk-Byung.

Former CNMI youth bowler Raymond Zapanta finished 34th (3,280), many-time perfect gamer Robert Talavera placed 36th (3,271), and veteran pin-



Manacop

buster Ador Dimaano landed at 39th (3,197).

Manacop was 18th overall in the singles after a six-game roll-off of 172, 234, 168, 171,

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